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Articles of Faith

Articles of faith to which persons who apply for membership are expected to subscribe.

- I. We believe that there is but one God, the Creator, Preserver, and moral Governor of the universe; a being of infinite power, knowledge, wisdom, justice, goodness and truth; the self-existent, independent and immutable fountain of good.
- II. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God; that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for instruction in righteousness, and that they are our only rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.
- III. We believe that the mode of divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a three-fold distinction in the God-head - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one in essence and equal in power and glory.
- IV. We believe that God has made all things for himself; that known unto Him are all His works from the beginning; and that He governs all things according to the council of His own will.
- V. We believe that the divine law and the principals and administrations of the divine government are perfectly holy, just and good; and that all rational beings are bound to approve them.
- VI. We believe that God at first created man in His own image, in a state of rectitude and holiness; and that he fell from that state by transgressing the divine command in eating the forbidden fruit.
- VII. We believe that in consequence of the apostacy the heart of man in his natural state is destitute of holiness, and in a state of positive disaffection with the law, character

Articles of Faith - cont. -

and government of God, and that all men, previous to regeneration, are dead in trespasses and sins.

VIII

We believe that Christ, the Son of God, has made atonement for sin; that He is the only Redeemer of sinners; and that all who are saved will be altogether indebted to the grace of God for their salvation.

IX

We believe that all men are alike indisposed to accept the offers of mercy made in the Gospel, and therefore, none of our race would repent, believe and be saved, without the special influences of the Holy Spirit in subduing their wills and renewing their hearts, according to God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus.

X

We believe that those who cordially embrace Christ will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XI

We believe that watchfulness over the life, holy meditation, a conscientious attention upon public, family and secret worship, together with the steady practice of righteousness, truth, sincerity and charity, and of sobriety, chastity and temperance, are the indispensable duties of every Christian.

XII

We believe that there will be a general resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust.

XIII

We believe that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive a just and final sentence of retribution, according to the deeds done in the body; and that at the day of judgment the state of all will be unalterably fixed; and that the punishment of the wicked and the happiness of the righteous will be endless.

XIV

We believe that Christ has a visible church in the world into which, none but real believers in the sight of God, and none but visible believers in the sight of man, have a right of admission.

XV

We believe that the sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord's Supper;
(over)

Articles of Faith - cont. -

that believers in regular church standing only can consistently partake of the Lord's Supper, and that visible believers only, and their households, can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of baptism.

Form of Admission to the Church

Beloved Friends: - In uniting with this Church you avow an agreement with its belief of the Christian doctrines as recorded in its Manual, and you enter into an especial covenant with Christ and its members.

You are now baptized (those of you who have not been in infancy), to signify how God, according to His mercy, saved you through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

You will now enter with us into our Covenant.

Covenant.

- I You do now, in the presence of God and man, enter into Covenant with Jehovah, consecrating yourselves to Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to fear, love and obey Him forever.
- II Relying on the gracious assistance of the Spirit, and taking the Scriptures as the rule of your life, you promise to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Gospel, as becomes the followers of the Lord Jesus.
- III You promise to attend conscientiously to all the duties of religion, both of public or private nature, whether of the closet, the family, or the sanctuary.
- IV You promise to forsake all such company, or amusements, or practices as are inconsistent with the requirements and spirit of the Gospel, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this evil world.

Covenant - cont. -

- IV You cordially unite yourself to this Church of Christ, promising to exercise towards its members, or receive from them, a kind and faithful watch, according to the directions of our Lord in the 18th chapter of Matthew, in order that your Christian character may be perfected and your usefulness in the cause of the Redeemer promoted.
- V You promise to do what may be in your power to promote the purity, peace and prosperity of this Church, and to give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the extension of His kingdom in the world.
- VII (Church arise.) We, therefore, on our part, receive you into our communion, and promise to watch over you with Christian affection, ever regarding you as members of the body of Christ, who is head over all things to the church. We do this, praying that both you and we may have wisdom and grace to be faithful in this Covenant, and to glorify God with the holiness that becomes His house forever. Amen.
Do you thus covenant?

Standing Rules - Adopted January, 1899.

Section 1. Officers of the Church.

Article I The officers of this Church shall be a Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting; also four Deacons, who shall be chosen one each year for a term of four years, and a Standing Committee of five, consisting of the four Deacons and the Pastor, or stated supply. All officers shall be chosen by ballot.

Article II Any vacancies may be filled at any regular church meeting, notice having been given of the same at least two weeks previously. It is desirable and is recommended that every member of the Church over twenty-one years of age should be a member of the Parish.

Section 2. Admission of Members.

Article I Applications for Church membership, either by letter or upon profession, may be made to the Standing Committee, who shall constitute the examining committee; but all members of the Church are entitled to participate in the examination.

Article II * Names of applicants who shall have been examined respecting their knowledge of the doctrines and duties of religion and their personal piety and applicants by letter, upon recommendation of the Standing Committee, shall become members upon vote of the Church and assenting to the following Covenant, like the one used at the Congregational Church, Adams, Mass.

* Adopted by
vote of Church
in 1917.

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"Do you cordially join yourself to this as a Church of Christ, engaging to submit to its government and discipline, to seek its peace and purity; to love and help its members as your brethren; to uphold, together with us, its public worship and ordinances, and so far as in you lies to maintain the spirit

Standing Rules - cont. -

of unity in the bonds of peace, trusting for help in our common Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works:

Do you thus consent and engage?"

These names shall be read at the public service on the Sabbath at least two weeks previous to action being taken upon them by the Church.

Article III

The foregoing conditions having been complied with, the Church shall take action on the names thus presented at the public service on the Sabbath, or at any business meeting, and the persons accepted become members upon giving public assent to the Confession, articles of faith, and rules of the Church.

Section 3

Dismission

Article I

Letters of dismission and recommendation may be granted by vote of the Church at any meeting regularly called, provided the written request has been read at a public service two weeks previous.

Article II

Persons in good and regular standing with us, who wish to leave this Church for another denomination, within whom we do not interchange letters of dismission and recommendation, may receive certificates of membership (Christian character, and whose residence is record of their having been admitted to other membership our watch and care over them shall cease).

Section 4

Church Discipline

Article I

In an effort to promote the order and purity of the Church, the rules laid down in Matt. 18: 15-17 shall be faithfully observed.

Article II

The absence of resident members from our communion for one year without sufficient reasons apparent or assigned, and of non-resident members for two years without such

Standing Rules

resolutions shall constitute an answer for bringing the subject of the standing rules before the Church, which question shall then be decided upon its merits.

Section 5 Lord's Supper

It shall be our custom to observe the sacrament, preceded by a preparatory lecture, on the first Sabbath morning, March, May, July, September and November.

Section 6 Meetings

Article I The Church shall hold an annual meeting during the next preceding the first Sabbath in January, at which time the rules shall be read, and a report of the membership, and condition of the Church, submitted by the Pastor or Clerk of the Church.

Article II There may be a meeting for the transaction of any business at the close of any preparatory lecture.

Article III Special business meetings of the Church may be called by the Standing Committee, who shall give reasonable notice of the same at any Church service.

Article IV Seven members of the Church shall be requisite for a quorum to do business.

Article V The Standing Committee shall give the church members at least 7 days notice previous to any church meeting in regard to calling a pastor.

Section 7 Changes

Article I These rules may be altered at any annual meeting of the Church.

Article II Any one of these standing rules, except that relating to a quorum, may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Church regularly called.

Church Clerk's Report for 1930.

Jan. 26, 1930.

On January 26, 1930 a meeting of the church was called by the Pastor, Mr. Hill, at the close of the morning service.

Mr. Hill stated that the purpose of the meeting was to bring before the church the work of the Organ Committee, and to have the church give its consent to the purchasing of an Eddy Organ. Mr. Hill, Mr. Clarence Brown, and Mr. Harold Booth decided the organ was designed and the plan for payment of it was given to the committee.

The motion was made and seconded that the organ committee be empowered by the Church to sign the contract, with the consent of the Parish. This motion was amended that the Church ask the Parish for permission to install the organ in the Church, and to turn over to the Church the Organ Fund and that the Church assume the responsibility for the payment of the deficit.

It was voted that the rules and regulations relative to two weeks notice for a meeting be suspended so as to make this meeting legal.

A motion was made and seconded that the Clerk notify the Parish Clerk of the action of the Church and ask for a meeting of the Parish as soon as possible.

Letters of appreciation were read by the Clerk for the floral tributes sent to Mr. Nelson Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Brown.

Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell. Clerk.

Feb. 10, 1930.

On February 10, 1930 a meeting of the church was called to order by the Pastor, Mr. Hill. He read a letter from the First Baptist

Church of Springfield requesting letters of
membership from our church to Mrs.
Nancy E. Brown, Mr. Russell D. Skinner
and Miss Julia Hildcock.

We have made arrangements that
the clerk be authorized to grant letters
of the usual and usual condition.

Report given that Mrs. M. L.
Chamberlain of Boston has given the church
an additional check for five hundred
dollars \$500 toward the organ.

Voted that the clerk send Mrs.
Chamberlain a letter of hearty thanks for
her best two gifts to us.

Reported from Mrs. Estey of the
Estey Organ Co. of Braintree, Mass. that the
contract for the organ is signed to
be installed for April 15, 1935. Meeting adjourned
Bladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Copy of letter sent to Mrs. Chamberlain
Mrs. M. L. Chamberlain
412 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, Mass.

Respectfully,
Nathan B. Chamberlain.

Ministry of the First Congregational
Church of Springfield, Mass. desires to
thank you most heartily for your
generous gifts toward our new pipe organ.

We would certainly be glad to have
our organ known as a memorial to you but
as we understand that this is not your
desire we shall certainly make special
recognition of your gift on our
church records.

It is largely due to your interest
that our committee have been encouraged
in their work. Now we are reporting and
looking to have the organ installed
on Easter Sunday.

Be as appreciative of our loyalty

to the Remond Church, and we in turn are hoping that you may be privileged to be one of the first listeners to the new Estey Organ.

Most sincerely yours,

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

May 4, 1930.

A meeting was called to order by the Pastor, Mr. Hill. The following delegates to the Hampden County Convention of Churches to be held at East Congregational Church in Springfield on Wednesday May 7, 1930, were appointed: Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Campbell; Mr. Clarence B. Brown and Mr. Wallace C. Moore along with the pastor. Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

May 11, 1930.

A meeting was called to order by the Pastor, Mr. Hill.

It was voted that Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Campbell be appointed as delegates to go with the Pastor to represent our church at the State Conference of Congregational Churches at Hope Church in Springfield on May 19, 20 and 21, 1930.

Motion made and carried that the loose collections taken on the last two Sundays of April 1930 be sent to the China Child Welfare Association and be also a part of our apportionment for the year.

Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

May 25, 1930.

The new Estey Organ was played for the first service this morning for the Memorial Day Service. Our organist Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton played and Mrs. Hester Sherman sang a solo as a special feature. The Junior Choir performed three musical duties.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

June 26, 1930.

This Friday evening we were very privileged in having a concert on our new organ. Mr. Ernest Leslie McHaffey from New York, N.Y. was the organist. He was assisted in the program by Marguerite E. Boyce, soprano, and Mrs. Edna J. Morrison, Marimba-Tylophonist of Springfield, Mass. There was a very good attendance of towns people as well as friends from out of town. The evening's program was greatly enjoyed by all.

July 20, 1930.

In place of the regular morning service this morning we had a Dedication Service for the Church Organ. The Church Organist, Mrs. Knott played the following pieces as a part of the program:

Organ Prelude

"Pavane" - E. Hering, Litchfield

"Andante" - Schubert, Italy

"Marche Funèbre" - Chopin

Interlude

"Grand Chœur" - William T. Parker

The organ was formally dedicated by the church members.

Mr. E. E. Morrison of Springfield, Mass. who had charge of designing, installing and regulating the organ, was also present at this service and gave us his report and told us some of the interesting facts about the construction of our organ.

A meeting was called at the close of the church service. Mr. Hill acted as moderator. The invitation was read to various pastors and one delegate attend the installation service of Rev. Ross of Westfield, Mass. Mr. William E. Spooner was appointed to go with the pastor.

The following delegates were also

appointed to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Hampden Association of Cong. Churches and Ministers to be held at the Park Cong. Church Springfield on Wednesday Oct. 25, 1930. Gladys Campbell, Mr. B. E. Campbell, Mrs. Clarence B. Campbell, Mrs. Knowlton and the Pastor.

It was voted that Mrs. Isabel Elder Thibodeau be re-instated in membership with our church. Meeting adjourned.
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Annual Meeting Jan. 2, 1931.

Annual
Meeting
Jan. 2, 1931

This annual roll call and business meeting of the First Congregational Church of Springfield was held Fri. Jan. 2, 1931.

After a supper served by the ladies of the church the members gathered and the hymn "I Stand, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," was sung. Then Mr. Hill led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Mr. Robert Streeter was chosen moderator and then read the governing Rules of the Church.

The Roll Call was read and 60 responses were given. The clerk reported that the total membership in 1929 was 101. During the year we lost four of our members by death; viz. Mrs. Melrose Booth, Mrs. Edward Fairfield, Mrs. Lilla H. Webber and Rev. Edward D. Abbott. Three others have been granted letters of dismission to other churches. One member has been reinstated. The total membership Jan. 2, 1931 is 95; Males 28 and females 67. Upon motion of Mr. Hill the church rose in silent prayer in memory of our four deceased members.

The reporting of the various officers

of the church were accepted and adopted, as follows:
 I would not concern you with the letter which killeth, but rather with the spirit which quickeneth, therefore no two high spots in the year must needs be considered and I must of the figures be resigned to oblivion. It is rather of interest that Charlotte Lyndon Chamberlain gave her first large gift, under my pastorate, Jan. 1900 and on Jan. 26, the church voted to sign the contract with the Estey Organ Co. for our \$4700.00 pipe organ.

Dr. and Edward Chamberlain's \$1000.00 gift (conditional) was announced the next day. Mrs. Chamberlain's second gift given on Feb. 11, was in memory of her father Squire Hales, of whom she wrote me, Dr. House always said, "is no one else came to church Squire Hales and Squire Hales were always there." She told me at this time that the previous \$500.00 gift was a memorial gift to the Rev. Webster K. Peirce; for many years pastor of this church and subsequently of the second ecclesiastical society much loved of his parishioners and the town people.

In March, 1900 Mrs. Sarah Anne Marsh gave an additional gift for her mother's first gift of \$250.00, and on April 1st the work of redecoration of the interior of the meeting-house began! Mr. Frank Coolbroth began the restoration of the old and very beautiful San Domingo mahogany pulpit.

Of special note were the gala days of the summer. The church was not closed. Decoration Day saw over 200 present and the use of the organ, pulpit and meeting house for the first time, since "all" had been started in March.

Children's Day saw the baptism of James Ada Adams Jr.; Barbara Esther Brown; Lewis Herbert Brown; Roland William Brown and James Norman Brown, 3rd.

We held our first Daily Vacation Bible

School from Mon. July 22nd to Sun. Aug 11th. Sunday July 28th saw the dedication of our efforts: we dedicated this Organ to the glory of God and Ministry of His Spirit.

August 24 was observed as Temperance day Sunday with older customs revised and splendid music. The following week were visited the members of the 17th Runners at 3:45. to Divine worship. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Andrew Magill.

On Sept. 6, 1930 we were visited with a near calamity. The terrible electric storm of that Saturday night swept across the valley and a bolt of lightning struck the steeple setting it a fire. As quickly seen it was as quickly put out. We are deeply grateful to Providence for the working to gather of circumstances so that the meeting house was saved.

The hearty encouragement of the parents of some of the young people led to the formation of a new young peoples "Christian Society" on Sunday, Oct 17th. And the further need of activity by the young men brought into existence the Church Basketball Team on Nov. 15th.

It is great that people are so generous, kind, considerate and forbearing with the indiscretion of any young pastor. Surely, he has not been too modest nor too decorous. Only our united striving to better our heritage, our lives and our world - our love for neighbor and church has kept us great of heart and sincere of purpose. Let us never lessen - but fling out our little lives into greater, greater service. The joy and peace of reconciliation are the divine injunctions on the church. This church of all has seen its clear and high destiny in this regard this year. May it never be rent again, by strife, and always united with love, may it shine forth with humility and good works the sole prayer of your faithful and most too dutiful pastor.

Rev. Ralph H. Bell

Report of Treasurer's report of the Women's Missionary Society 1930

Cash on hand	\$ 7.45	Cash expended	
Memberships	1.25	Schiffauffer School Fund	3.00
Monthly Offerings	29.81	Freight on box to Atlanta Ga.	4.18
Worship Offering	4.88	" " Pleasant Hill, Tenn.	3.08
Thank Offerings	5.30	American Int. College	2.00
Special for flowers	2.00	Speakers Box Fund	2.00
Gifts Miss J. I. Brown	6.00	Flowers at funeral of ^{Miss Smith} Miss Smith	6.00
" Mrs. F. M. Brown	5.00	Mass Cong. Conference for Missions	5.00
Total	\$ 42.27	Total	\$ 53.26
Cash on hand	\$ 7.43		

Respectfully submitted

Harriet Robinson Treas.

Two boxes of clothing were sent in December
One to Pleasant Hill, Tenn. One to Atlanta, Ga.

Report of Treasurer's report of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1930.

Amount in balance of year	\$ 80.67
Amount received during the year	250.56
Amount expended during the year	184.35
Amount of cash on hand of treasurer at close of the year	\$ 43.74
Mrs. F. E. Baker Treas.	

Report of Sect & Treas. of the Sunday School.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1930	\$ 4.77	Pd. for supplies 1 st qtr.	\$ 15.22
Rec'd. from collections 1 st qtr.	15.20	" " 2 nd	13.79
" " " 2 nd	12.27	" " 3 rd	10.15
" " " 3 rd	10.05	" " 4 th	9.02
" " " 4 th	16.75	Pd. for ^{educational} supplies	3.64
" " Birthday Bank	2.40	" " Union Educational S.S.	4.00
Total	\$ 51.76	Total	\$ 56.82

Balance on hand Jan 1, 1931 - \$ 2.14

Mrs. Andrew Wisell
Sect. Treas.

Report of
Envelope
Pledges
1930
(Church)
(Collector)

Brimfield Mass. Dec. 31, 1930.

Report of money received on Church Pledges
Amount pledged — \$ 867.70
Amount paid in to date — 71.72

Many persons had envelopes and paid in quite regularly, but signed no pledge card. Eight persons paid in more than they pledged. Others did not fulfill their pledge. I have turned over to the Parish Treas. a check for \$83.00 to balance to 1927 pledges.

Mr. George A. Agard \$ 11.00
Miss Gladys Hebbes 43.00
\$ 83.00

Respectfully submitted

Marion I. Robinson, Treas.

Report of
Home
Collection

Report of collection from loose change -
(First two Sunday months for Home Expenses)

1st Quarter Cash Paid 7.30
2nd " " " 32.67
3rd " " " 106.55
4th " " " 19.25

Total for year \$ 167.77

Cash Expended

Feb. 24 Palmer Flower Shop (Brimfield) 20.46
Apr. 27 Hughes Flower Shop (Brimfield) 8.00
May 28 Johnsons Book Store
June 10 Palmer Flower Shop (Brimfield) 5.40
July 10 Palmer Flower Shop (Brimfield) 1.00
" 21 C. B. Brown for Parish 2.57
Oct. 3 J. E. Hatch, Treas. County
Tax on 101 Members @ 15¢ — 15.15
" 4 C. B. Brown for Parish 91.40
Nov. Mrs. Fred Bissett
Communion Supplies 5.00
Dec. 16 C. B. Brown for Parish 14.25

Total Expended \$ 167.77

Marion I. Robinson, Treas.

Paul. Dyer. 1891

1,500 Apartment - \$150.00

First Church	\$87.35	Total Benevolence	
Mr. E. J. Brown	10.00	Church	\$164.35
Lowell Mason	35.00	Home	35.00
	\$132.35		\$204.35

Respectfully submitted

The Organ Committee's report was given by the chairman Florence B. Coon.

The auditor being absent Mrs. Robinson
stated that the books of the Church Treasurer
had been audited.

Motion

It was voted that the money collected through the envelope system be distributed between home expenses and benevolences as it has been done in the past, and that the money for the Home expenses be turned over to the Parish Treasurer.

Motion

It was voted to take up a collection to defray the expenses of the supper which had been prepared by the Ladies. The collection taken.

Motion

Upon motion of Mr. William M. Spooner it was voted to ask Mr. Randolph H. Hill to continue as our pastor for an indefinite time and that the Parish be asked to concur with us in the matter.

Motion

Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to draw up resolutions upon the death of Deacon Edward H. Davenport. The following committee was named: Rev. Wallace T. Moore, Rev. Clarence D. Brown and Gladys H. Campbell.

Motion

Upon motion of Miss M. Anna Tarbell it was voted that the following resolution be read, be accepted by the Church and sent to Mrs. Lillian Brown and that a copy of them be spread upon the Church records:

Resolved: that the church deeply regrets the circumstances and misunderstandings that caused the letter of Mrs. Lillian M. Brown asking for withdrawal from church membership.

Resolved: that in recognition of its present attitude, the church hereby extends to Mrs. Brown a vote of confidence, with an expression of regret for the acceptance of the letter at the meeting held March 14, 1927.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records, and a copy be sent to Mrs. Brown with the expression of the desire for her fellowship and membership in this church.

Meeting adjourned Respectfully submitted
Lillian H. Campbell, Clerk

Copy of the
resolutions
sent to family
of Deacon
Edward H. Davenport

At the annual meeting of the church held Jan. 2, 1931, it was voted to adopt the following resolutions and send them to the members of Deacon Edward H. Davenport's family

Whereas, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to himself one who was for many years a very faithful and devoted member of our church, be it
Resolved, That we, the Congregational Church of Brimfield express to the family of Deacon Edward H. Davenport, our sympathy for the loss of their father, and be it further
Resolved, That we thank God for his life and that we express our appreciation of his work by sending these resolutions to his family and by spreading them upon the records of the church.

Committee on Resolutions { Dea. W. D. Moore
Dea. C. B. Brown
Gladys H. Campbell

Special Meeting
March 1, 1931
Feb. 22, 1931

A special meeting of the church called by the pastor, Mr. Hill, was held after the morning service, Sunday, March 1, 1931. The meeting was presided over by the pastor. The meeting was called to consider action concerning a letter which Mr. Hill had received from Rev. John B. Lewis, pastor of the Union Church at Springfield, in behalf of Mrs. Constance Elden Thompson who desired a church letter from the Brimfield Church in order that she might join the Union Church on Sunday, March 5, 1931.

In the absence of the clerk, Miss Tarbell was appointed secretary, pro tem.

On motion of Deacon Clarence B. Brown it was voted that the rules of the church be suspended and that the request be granted. Voted to adjourn.

Mary Anna Tarbell, Sec. Pro Tem.

and several women were received into church membership on
confession of faith. Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Meeting
April 6, 1931

Meeting called at the close of the morning service
by our pastor, Mr. Hill. Prayer was offered.

Delegates, for the 81st annual meeting of
Hampden Association to be held at South Hadley, Mass.
on May 6th 1931, were appointed as follows: Mr.
William S. Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler
and Clarence B. Brown.

Upon the recommendation of the Standing
Committee it was voted upon motion of Miss
Anna Tabell that the clerk be authorized to
send out letters of invitation to the churches
of the Hampden County Association to attend
an Ecclesiastical Council at Brimfield on
May 25th, 1931, for the purpose of examining
our candidate, Mr. Hill, and if found
expedient to proceed to his ordination.

Motion made that the rules relative to
week's notice be suspended to legalize this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

May 3, 1931.

Meeting called at the close of the morning
service. Prayer was offered by Mr. Hill, who
presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, who had been
appointed as delegates to the 81st Annual meeting
asked to have substitutes appointed for their
places, as they were uncertain of attending.
Therefore Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moore were appointed.

A letter of invitation was read from the
North Cong Church of Springfield, Mass. to be
present by pastor and delegate at an ecclesiastical
council for the purpose of installing Mr. Beck
as pastor on Friday, May 15, 1931. Mr. Wallace
B. Moore was appointed as our delegate.

A second letter of invitation was read
from the First Cong. Church at Ludlow, to
attend another ecclesiastical council
meeting there for the purpose of examining
Mr. Lynne Townsend and to ordain & install
him on Thursday, May 21st 1931. Mr. William

Spencer was appointed as our delegate.

Mr. Clarence B. Brown was appointed as our delegate to the State Conf. of Cong. Churches to be held at New Bedford on May 18, 19, & 20, 1931.

Meeting adjourned

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Copy of letter of invitation
May 4, 1931.

The Congregational Church of Brimfield
To the Congregational Church of Feding Hills, Greetings.

This church having sought Divine guidance, has been led to the choice of Mr. Randolph Hooker Hill as its pastor and teacher, and he has accepted our call.

We therefore, request you to be present, by pastor and delegate, at a ecclesiastical council in our house of worship on Monday May 25 at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, to examine the candidate and if found expedient to proceed to his ordination and recognition as pastor and to extend to him the fellowship of the churches.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace, we are,

Fraternally yours,

Clarence B. Brown

Wallace F. Moore

Charles H. Wheeler

Frederick Bissell

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

The church will recognize as a quorum the presence of pastors and delegates in attendance.

List of the churches invited.

The other churches invited are

Agawam, First

Blandford, First

" , Second

Brimfield, East

Chester, First

" , Second

Chicopee, First

" Falls

Chicopee, Third

East Longmeadow

Granville, East, Centre

" , West, "

Hampden

Holyoke, First

" , Second

" , Grace

Churches invited - cont. -

Huntington, Second
 Longmeadow
 Ludlow, First
 " , Union
 Monson
 Palmer, Thorndike
 " , Second
 " , Three Rivers
 South Hadley Falls
 Southwick
 Springfield, First
 " , South
 " , North
 " , Indian Orchard
 " , Memorial

Springfield, Hope
 " , Emmanuel
 " , Park
 " , St. John's
 " , Faith
 " , Union
 " , East
 " , Wachague
 Tolland
 Westfield, First
 " , Second
 West Springfield, First
 " , Mittineague
 " , North

Other churches or persons outside of Hampden County Association.

Brighton Cong. Church, Boston, Mass.
 First Parish Church of Danvers, Mass.
 United Church, Three Rivers, Mass.
 Baptist Church, Wales, Mass.
 Rev. Ralph M. Barker, Gloucester, Mass.
 Rev. Arthur S. Thurber, Norwood, R. I.
 Rev. N. K. Khachatourian, Providence, R. I.
 Rev. Dr. William Allen Knight, Framingham, Mass.
 Rev. Wm. A. Estabrook, Thetford, Vermont.

Meeting
 May 10, 1911

Meeting called at the close of the morning service by Mrs. Hill. Prayer was offered.

The purpose of the meeting was to ask if the church body would empower the Standing Committee to appoint the various committees as required for the arrangement and carrying on of the work for the Ecclesiastical Council which is to be held May 25th. Such a motion was made and carried.

Motion made by Mr. Clarence Brown to suspend the rules relative to a work.

notice to legalize this meeting.
Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

A copy of the warrant to letters missive issued by the
the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass.,
of the and bearing date of May 5, 1931, an ecclesiastical
council convened in the house of worship
Ordination of said church at 3:45 P.M. on Monday
May 25, 1931, to examine Randolph Hooker Hill
and, if deemed advisable, to ordain him
to the Christian ministry and to recognize
him as pastor of said church.

The letter missive was read by Rev.
R. R. Morson of Palmer. Rev. William Ganley
was elected scribe. A quorum being
present, Rev. Edward Upson Cowles of
Westfield was elected moderator. He
constituted the council with prayer.

The roll call was responded to as follows:-

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Delegate</u>
Brimfield, East	F. J. Dark	Mrs. E. G. Clark
Chicopee, First	R. B. Simmons	
East Longmeadow	E. M. Ross	F. A. Wheeler
Hampden	F. W. Tholen	
Holyoke, Grace		Mrs. L. G. Ford
Ludlow, First	L. P. Townsend	Mrs. W. M. Fuller
" , Union	H. F. Burdon	William Nelson
Monson	S. F. Blomfield	Alva Walker
Palmer, Thorndike	R. S. Gupta	Thomas Wallace
" , Second	R. R. Morson	D. M. Bodfish
" , Three Rivers	R. E. Reed	R. C. Newell
South Hadley Falls	Theodore Bacheler	
Springfield, North	H. H. Deck	Miss Alice Shepherd
" , Indian Orchard	H. Lohmann	Wallace Spaulding
" , Emmanuel		H. G. Douglas
" , Faith	C. A. McKay	
Westfield, First	E. W. Cowles	G. E. Pratt
" , Second		W. E. Bartlett
West Springfield, First	H. L. Oldfield	Mrs. H. T. Smith
" , Mittineague	W. T. Aiken	A. L. Stewart

Church	Pastor	Delegate
Wilbraham	H.W. Orr	C.E. Merrick
" , North	William Ganley	Rev. C.S. Wilder
Brighton	W. S. Anthony	Paul Hill
Danvers, First	Paul Mayer	Fred Nowers
Rev. Frederick E. Emrich - Boston, Massachusetts		
Rev. N.K. Khachatourian, Providence, Rhode Island		
Rev. Arthur S. Thurber, Norwood, Rhode Island		

The records of the church were read by W. S. Spooner. The records of the Society were read by its clerk, Fred N. Lawrence. These records, supplemented by statements of members of the church and the candidate, certified to the call of the council, to the invitation of the church to the candidate to become its pastor, and to his acceptance of the call. These records were by vote, declared satisfactory.

The candidate then presented a verbal statement of his graduation from Gordon Bible College, and Yale Theological School and certificates of church membership and license to preach. These were accepted as satisfactory.

He then read a paper setting forth his doctrinal beliefs to which he added a few words concerning his religious background and experience. At its conclusion the roll was called for further examination of the candidate.

At the conclusion of the examination it was voted that the examination be arrested and that the council be by itself.

The council being by itself it was moved that the examination be sustained and that the council proceed to ordain the candidate, and to recognize him as pastor of the church. It was also voted that the complete roll be called and that all Congregational pastors, delegates, and invited individuals be

entitled to vote. The roll was then called and vote taken by individual expression. At the conclusion of the roll-call the moderator declared the examination to be unanimously sustained.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to notify the candidate of the results of the council and to arrange with him for the public service of ordination and recognition. Rev. R. R. Morson, Rev. C. A. McKay, Rev. E. M. Ross were appointed such a committee.

The committee, returning, reported the following Order of Service which was accepted.

Order of the Service

Organ Prelude Credo from St. Patrick's Mass Thomas De la Hache
Hymn

O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward, through all ages, bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more. Amen.
— Leonard Bacon

Moderator's Statement and Minutes of the Scribe of the Council
Prayer of Invocation -- The Reverend Ralph Maurice Barker
Anthem by the Choir - O Sing unto the Lord a New Song - Adams.

Old Testament Scripture Lesson - The Reverend Arthur Shepherd Thurber
 Solo - How Beautiful Upon the Mountains - F. Flaxington Harker
 New Testament Scripture Lesson - The Rev. Nushan K. Khachatourian
 Sermon

Prayer of Ordination

Right Hand of Fellowship

Hymn

Rev. Dr. Luther Allen Weigle
 Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Emrich
 The Rev. Edward Upson Cowles

God of the prophets! bless the prophets' sons;
 Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast;
 Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
 Make each a nobler, stronger than the last!

Anoint them prophets! Make their ears attent
 To Thy divinest speech; their hearts awake
 To human need; their lips make eloquent
 To assure the right, and every evil break.

Anoint them priests! Strong intercessors they
 For pardon, and for charity and peace!
 Ah, if with them the world might pass, astray,
 Into the dear Christ's life of sacrifice!

Make them apostles! Heralds of Thy cross;
 Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy grace;
 Inspired of Thee, may they count all but loss,
 And stand at last with joy before Thy face.

O mighty age of prophet-Kings, return!
 O truth, O faith, enrich our urgent time!
 Lord Jesus Christ, again with us sojourn;
 A weary world awaits Thy reign sublime! Amen.
 Denis Wortman.

The Charge to the Pastor - The Reverend Silas Whitman Anthony
 The Charge to the People - Reverend Dr. Frederick Harlan Page
 Hymn

Hark, hark, my soul! angelic songs are swelling
 O'er earth's green fields and ocean's wave-beat shore;
 How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
 Of that new life when sin shall be no more!
 Angels of Jesus, angels of light
 Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to thee.

Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,
'Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come;
And through the dark, its echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the gospel leads us home.

Angels, sing on, your faithful watches keeping:
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above:
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love. Amen

Frederick W. Faber.

Silent Prayer (Congregation Seated)

Benediction

Organ Postlude - Priest's March from Athalia - Mendelssohn

The minutes of the Council were then read and approved.

It was voted that at the conclusion of the service the moderator declare the council dissolved.

Resolved that the minutes be signed by the moderator and delivered to the candidate, to the church, and the Congregational Library in Boston.

Voted, to take recess until eight o'clock this evening.

The council convened at eight o'clock and conducted the public service of ordination and recognition in accordance with the foregoing program. At its close the moderator declared Randolph Hooker Hill to be duly ordained as a Christian minister and recognized as pastor of the Brimfield Congregational Church; after which the council dissolved.

Edward Upson Cowles - Moderator
William Sankey, Scribe.

I certify that the foregoing report is a true copy of the minutes of this meeting.
 Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Brimfield, Mass.
 To the Members of the Congregational Church
 and Parish at large.
 Greetings, my friends:

God has been very gracious to me in coming to know and love you all. His Spirit has been with us - not in any display, but in the quiet way of our inner life and in those bonds of service that unite us to the Kingdom of Heaven.

I pray that the Good Will may ever bear its fine fruit in our community life. May the Christ purpose lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes and bring us all nearer the Divinity that brought us forth and assures our immortality.

Let us be faithful as and friends in our love for God.

I am your pastor and friend,
 Randolph Hooker Hill
 Upon my Ordination by and in the Brimfield
 Congregational Church.
 May 25th, 1931.

Meeting
 Aug 16, 1931

Meeting called to order by Deacon Clarence B. Brown at the close of the morning service.

Since, during our pastor's vacation we have had the generous support of the Springfield Boys' Scouts and Boys Club, Rev. George W. Cummings of Warren (who willingly substituted upon short notice, the last Sunday that the Boys' Scouts had charge) and Rev. Franklin L. Gaylord, it was voted

that the Clerk be authorized to send these organizations and individuals a vote of thanks from the church for their services.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Hill, in which he tendered his resignation as pastor of our church to take place on October 1, 1931.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubbard L. Spooner, it was voted to lay the matter over for one week at which time the church will take necessary action.

Voted to adjourn for one week.

Respectfully submitted,
Ladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Letter of resignation
to the Congregational Church
Brimfield, Massachusetts
of the following beloved friends

At some times becomes necessary, in the course of human events, to terminate ties and associations of the most beautiful nature. When I first settled amongst you I came with the ambitious purpose to pursue further a form of study which would lead to a higher academic degree, and the opportunity presents itself this fall. Consequently I am asking you to accept a severance of our relationship as church and pastor on October 1st, 1931. I only regret that I cannot continue in these trying times, with a people, whom I have come to love, who have shown a receptivity to progress, high purpose and sterling and effective devotion and grace and charity in the religious life. Protestantism needs as never before faithfulness, sound thinking and united purposes if a Christian Commonwealth is ever to be builded in this land, or throughout the world.

The challenge comes to us to keep the Light of Christ burning in our hearts that it may burn in all hearts. What a task is ours in this changing and historic New England and materialistic era! It should gird you for the task with a resolute front and an unfailing courage that can only come by the power of God.

I go on to Oberlin - a great Congregational College in Ohio - in preparation for the fulfillment of an early ideal - foreign service! I need your prayers as you shall always have mine, from the bottom of my heart. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life" - and remember that the heart of the church is loving service and charity and good will toward all mankind.

May God prosper you and keep you and give each and every one of you His peace.

Randolph H. Hill.

Brimfield, Mass.

August 15, 1931.

Meeting
Aug 23, 1931

Meeting called at the close of the church service and presided over by Deacon Clarence B. Brown.

Mr. Hill's letter of resignation was reread by the Clerk.

It was voted unanimously upon motion of Mr. William D. Spooner, that although we realize that the church and community will sustain a loss in his departure, we accede to the request of our pastor Rev. Randolph H. Hill that our relationship as church and pastor be dissolved on October first, for we recognize that the carrying out of his purpose of further study and

preparation for his future work will lead to his enlarged usefulness.

It was voted upon motion of Miss M. Anna Fairbell that we express to Mr. Hill our recognition of his constant presentation in his preaching of the truth that the spirit of Jesus must prevail in the hearts of men and in world relations in order that the Kingdom of God may come; of his work with the young people; of his sympathetic ministrations to the afflicted and distressed; also that we express our appreciation of his contribution to worship through his assistance in the installation of our organ and the beautifying of our place of worship, - all with the assurance that he has our heartfelt good wishes and our prayers.

It was voted to suspend the rules relative to a two week's notice of the meeting to legalize said meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Meeting adjourned. A letter was read from the First Church of Christ at Longmeadow Mass. requesting that a conference be held on Tuesday Sept. 23rd at 4.00 o'clock p.m. to act on the resignation of Rev. Randolph Sumner Merrill as their pastor. Voted that Gladys H. Campbell be appointed the delegate to act with the Pastor, Mr. Hill.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Meeting
Oct. 14/31

Meeting was held at the close of the morning service with Mrs. Clarence Brown as presiding officer. The report was read by the clerk, from Mr. Arthur J. Covell, the Secy. of the Cong. R'd. of Pastoral Supply. It was voted to ask the clerk to write to Mr. Covell and invite him to come to our church on Sunday, Oct. 14th, 1931, and preach for us and then to confer with the Standing Committee with relation to the applications which we have received for pastor. It was voted by the church that we abide by his recommendations and hear one of the candidates as he may suggest. Motion to adjourn.

Wladyslaw Campbell, Clerk.

Meeting
Nov. 22/31

A special meeting was held at the close of the morning service Sunday, Nov. 22, 1931. Mr. Clarence Brown presided and explained that the standing committee were awaiting action of the church upon the candidates already heard. After some discussion Mr. Spooner made a motion that the church was not yet ready to vote upon the question of a pastor. The motion was not seconded and later was withdrawn.

The members discussed the fact that the Yearbook gives the salary paid by our church as \$1200 which is very inviting to those looking to a new field. However, as the church is at present in debt and having a struggle to keep along current expenses it was generally agreed that we should offer a salary of \$800.

more than \$12.00 plus the passage.
 It was voted that the clerk be
 instructed to write to Mr. Covell, the
 head of the Cong. Bazaar Supply, and to
 state the case to him and ask him
 if any of the candidates whom we
 have heard would be willing to
 come for as little as amount or less.

A letter was read by the clerk
 from the Hope Cong. Church of
 Springfield, Mass. inviting us to be
 present by pastor and delegate at an
 Ecclesiastical Council to be held there
 on Mon. Nov. 30, 1931 at 4 o'clock p.m.
 for the installation of their pastor
 Rev. Dr. Alfred Leant Hallor. Mrs.
 Gladys Campbell was appointed as
 delegate.

A second letter of invitation
 was read from the Leeding Hills
 Cong. Church and the Leeding Hills
 Cong. Society in Grafton, Mass.
 inviting us to be present by pastor
 and delegate at an Ecclesiastical
 Council to be held at their house
 of worship Wed. Dec. 9, 1931 at
 4 o'clock p.m. for a ordination
 service and recognition of
 their pastor W. A. Mault B. Jackson.
 Mr. William S. Spooner was
 appointed delegate.

The meeting was adjourned
 until called again by the standing
 committee after the information
 is received from Mr. Covell. The
 suggestion was made, and very
 generally felt that the meetings
 should not be held after the morning
 services as it interferes so badly
 with the Sunday School sessions as
 our Supt. Asst. Supt. and teachers

was composed of churchward & his to attend these meetings.

Gladys H. Campbell. Clerk.

Meeting
Dec. 6, 1901

Meeting of the church was held shortly after 10 o'clock on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1901. The meeting was called to order by Dea. Clarence B. Brown. He read the minutes of the previous meeting and then requested the clerk to make her report. The clerk then reported that letters had been sent out by special delivery to Rev. Golder, Rev. Matthews and Mr. Moorhead. Rev. Matthews telegraphed that the offer of \$1200 plus the parsonage was acceptable to him. Mr. Moorhead telephoned that he would consider it at \$1200 + the parsonage. The letters were read from both Mr. Matthews and Mr. Golder. Mr. Golder also stated that he would give more for the salary. The church was then asked to express their opinions.

Motion made by Dea. Moore that the church extend to Rev. D. W. Matthews a call to become our pastor for the ensuing year. As there was some discussion as to our readiness to vote at first this time on this question, Mr. Moore withdrew his motion for the time being.

A motion was then made by Dea. Moore that ballots be passed for an informal ballot to inform us of our choices. This would not fix it for any one candidate but would give us the consensus of opinion. Nellie Norcross and Gladys Campbell acted as tellers.

Number of votes cast = 23 Mr. Matthews 13
Mr. Moorhead 8

Deacon Matthews then repeated his original motion that we vote by ballot (yes or no) to extend a call to Rev. Burleigh W. Matthews to become our pastor for the ensuing year.
 Number of votes cast = 23

Yes - 22

No - 1

Therefore, it was voted unanimously (with one exception) to give Rev. Matthews the call.

A motion was made and carried that we request the parish to concur with the church in this action.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Edw. M. Campbell, Clerk.

Annual Report of Annual Meeting Jan 2, 1932

Meeting
 Jan 2, 1932

The Annual Roll Call and business meeting of the First Congregational Church was held on January 2, 1932. It was a novel one in that we had an open meeting and invited all the townspeople and had a combined meeting and reception for our new pastor, Rev. Burleigh W. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews. A splendid chicken pie supper was served by the Deacon's wives, to about 100 guests. The Doxology was sung by all and Rev. Matthews offered prayer.

After the supper people retired to the auditorium where Mrs. Knowlton played selections on the organ.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk Mr. Robert J. Steeter was chosen moderator. The Roll Call was read and showed 39 members present and responses were given by 28 others. The clerk reported membership in 1930 was 95. During the year a letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs. Constance Elder Thompson. There was no loss of membership by death during 1931. On April 5, 1931 eight persons were received into membership on confession of faith. Making a total membership of 102. Males 33. Females 70.

Baptisms by Mr. Hill during 1931 - 5
Marriages performed - 1.

After the roll call the moderator called for remarks from any one present who would care to speak. Rev. Matthews gave a few remarks.

Then the standing rules of the Church were read by Mr. Steeter.

The report of the clerk was read.

Motion: - That the report of the clerk be accepted and that the church also express appreciation to the clerk for her fine work in keeping the records of the year's work.

The church collector's report was read and accepted as follows: -

Report of money given for church expenses by weekly envelopes - pledges 1931 - checks and cash. I have turned over to Parish Treasurer, Mr. C. R. Brown the sum of \$501.06.

Marion J. Robinson
Church Treas.

Home Department (Report of Home Department for 1931
 (List of Expenditures for Home Department)

1st Quarter	Home Change	\$ 11.70
2nd	"	32.31
3rd	"	57.48
4th	"	24.25
		\$ 126.24

Expended

Jan 21	Duplex Envelope Co. 1000	
	Book and Envelope	\$ 11.51
Mar 5	Calmer Flower Shop for	
	Mrs. Noyes' Funeral	6.00
June 1	Ordination of Rev. K. H. Hill	21.53
July 1	C. B. Brown for Parish	5.47
Aug 28	C. B. Brown " "	44.23
Sept 4	C. B. Brown " "	13.25
Dec 1	M. A. Kuhn, Treasurer for	
	Hampton County Tax on 95	
	members @ 15¢ each	14.25
Dec 7	Mrs. Frederick Russell	
	for Communion Supplies	5.00
Dec 28	C. B. Brown for Parish	5.00
Total		\$ 126.24
M. A. Kuhn, Treasurer		
Church Treas.		

Benevolent Department (Report of Church Benevolent
 Department for 1931.)

1st Quarter	\$ 12.00
2nd Quarter	25.00
3rd Quarter	29.50
4th Quarter	16.50
Total	\$ 83.00

July 8	Cash from Mrs. Emma	
	M. Brown for American Board	3.00
Total for Benevolence		\$ 86.00

Expended 1931

March 30	Paid Mass. Cong. Conference	\$ 12.00
June 24	" " " "	25.00
Sept 28	" " " "	29.50

Dec. 28 Paid Mass. Cong. Conference \$16.50
 Total \$80.00

Marion L. Robinson
 Church Treas.

Our apportionment is \$150.00

With the Woman's Missionary \$20.00
 Mrs. E. M. Brown 3.00
 Church \$3.00
 \$106.00

1930 With the gifts credited and the
 church we paid \$159.00

Women's Missionary Society
 Report of the Woman's Missionary Society
 for the year of 1931

1930

Oct. 15 Cash on hand \$4.43
 Nov. 8 Membership dues 2.00
 1931 Offerings 6.02
 April Lenten Offering 5.50
 October Thank Offering 5.40
 May Miss Julia T. Brown 6.00
 Total \$32.65

Expended:-

Hampden Co. Treasurer County
 Expenses - \$1.50

Express on Box clothing sent
 to Pleasant Hill Academy Tenn. 2.30

Express on Box clothing sent
 to F. J. Herking Atlanta, Ga. 2.10

Mrs. M. E. Street for Red Cross 2.00

Oct Mass Cong. Conference
 for Mission 20.00
 Cash \$27.90

Marion L. Robinson, Treas.

This December a box has been
 sent to Atlanta, Ga.

Valued at \$40.00

Report of
Sunday
School

Report of Sunday School for 1931	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1931	\$ 2.14
Rec'd from collections 1 st quarter	32.62
" " " 2 nd "	21.36
" " " 3 rd "	10.86
" " " 4 th "	13.90
" " Birthday Bank	2.68
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$ 76.51</u>
Supplies 1 st quarter	\$ 11.43
" " singing books	9.00
" " supplies 2 nd quarter	9.27
" " tuning piano	3.50
" " supplies 3 rd quarter	9.13
" " flowers -	5.00
" " supplies 4 th quarter	15.23
" " Bibles	5.85
" " Christmas supplies	5.50
	<u>\$ 73.71</u>

Bal. cash on hand Jan. 1, 1932 - \$ 2.85
 Special \$ 4.65 for Little
 Wanderers Home
 Mrs. Frederick Brissell
 Sect. and Treas.

Organ
Committee

The Organ Committee reported
 through Clarence Brown, Chairman,
 that the bank notes now
 less than \$1000.

Officers
elected:

The following officers of the
 church were elected for the
 coming year:
 Gladys H. Campbell - Clerk
 Mrs. C. W. Robinson - Treasurer & Collector
 Mr. Frank Sifford - Auditor
 Deacon for 4 years - Mr. Charles Wheeler
 Mr. Bert Campbell was nominated
 but immediately withdrew
 Mr. Charles Wheeler nominated but
 wished to withdraw.
 Mr. Ainsworth Adams nominated

Ballots were cast for latter two
28 votes cast

5 Mr. Ainsworth Adams
23 Mr. Charles Wheeler.

Motion - That loose collections be used
as usual this next year, namely,
the first two Sundays of the month
for Home Expenses and last two
Sundays for Benevolence.

Motion - That we have a thorough
canvass of the town for finances
and use the envelope system again.

Motion - That Mr. Clarence Brown act
as chairman of a committee to
canvass and that he choose his
own workers.

Meeting adjourned.

Bladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Copy of the
the
resolutions
sent upon the
death of Mrs.
Carrie Marsh.

Copy of the resolutions sent upon the
death of Mrs. Carrie Marsh
Mr. Paul R. Marsh
369 Brook St.
East Springfield
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Marsh,

Whereas, It hath pleased our
Heavenly Father to call home to
Himself, one who in former years
was a member of this church, and
who even after her connections
with this Church had ceased, ever
kept a strong love and keen
interest in it. Her gift was the
first gift toward the Pipe Organ
which we so much enjoy and
appreciate, be it

Resolved, that we, the First
Congregational Church of Springfield
express to her son, Mr. Paul R. Marsh

and they family our sincere sympathy
for the loss of her mother, and be
it further
resolved, that we thank God for
her life, and that we express our
appreciation of her love and
faithfulness to our church by
recording these resolutions in her
son and by spreading them
upon the records of the church.
Mildred Campbell
Clerk

Jan 28/1932. A letter was read from Edward
C. Rogers requesting a transfer
of membership to the Union Church
in Worcester, Mass. The Church
voted to grant such a letter and
a letter was written and sent
February 1, 1932.

April 7/1932. Mr and Mrs B. E. Campbell acted
as delegates along with Mr and Mrs.
Matthew for the 82nd Annual meeting
of the Hampden Association of
Congregational Churches and Ministers.

W. H. Conf.
May 16, 17, 18. Church voted that anyone who
could attend the annual Mass.
Congregational Conference meeting
which was held at Quincy, Mass.
May 16, 17 and 18, should act as delegate.
No one was able to attend.

Baptism. On June 12, 1932 the following
children were baptized Elizabeth
Jane Richards and John James
Richards, Norman Francis Mues
and Norma Jane Mueson.

Vacation Bible School beginning Aug. 1, 1932 and continuing until Aug. 12, 1932. was held at the church. School annual session of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Rev. Matthews had charge. Great credit is due Rev and Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Edgar Brown for their faithful work on the school. A fine program was given at the close and a splendid exhibit of work.



Exhibit of work done in Daily Vacation Bible Sch.
Aug. 1, 1932 - Aug. 12, 1932.

Aug. 21, 1932 The following names were presented for membership in the church, Gladys Hazel Laird, Everett D. Landen and Lucy Landen.

Aug. 28, 1932 Voted to receive Gladys Laird, Everett and Lucy Landen into our membership.

Sept. 11, 1932 Motion To suspend the rules temporarily to allow two other candidates to be taken into fellowship to day, namely, Mrs. Louise Carroll by letter and John Lawrence upon confession of faith.

The following candidates were received into our fellowship by Rev. Burleigh T. Matthews. Louise Carroll and John Lawrence.

Hazel Ford, Everett D. O'Pham, Lander,
Lacy Lander, and John Cherry Lawrence.

Oct 10, 1932

Representatives from the
First Church of Christ in Springfield,
Mass. to attend a ecclesiastical
council and installation service
for the Rev. David Nelson Beach, Rev.
Benjamin Matthews and Mr. B. E. Campbell
as delegates, attended. Your clerk also
attended and was very greatly
impressed with the whole service.

Oct 14, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Campbell and
Mr. and Mrs. Matthews attended the
annual meeting of the Springfield
Association of Congregational Churches
held at the United Church in
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Nov. 18, 1932

Our church was invited to
attend with pastor and delegates an
ecclesiastical council for the
organization and installation
of the Rev. Arthur Hiemul at the
First Springfield Church. Mr. William
was appointed as delegate but as
he could not attend Mrs. Wallace
was named as delegate. Mr. and
Mrs. Matthews also attended.

Annual
Meeting
Dec. 3, 1932

Report of the Annual Church
Meeting - Dec. 3, 1932

The annual roll call and
business meeting of the First
Congregational Church of Springfield
were held Saturday, December
11, 1932 at 7:00 P.M.

Devotion to the business meeting

a short devotional service was held with Rev. Burling Matthews in charge. The following hymns were sung: - The Churches One Foundation and What a Friend The Lord is. Prayer was offered by Rev. Burling and The Hallelujah Chorus. For scripture reading the pastor read Psalm 121 at the close of which the church rose and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

The business meeting was called to order by Rev. Matthews. Mr. Robert J. Streeter was chosen moderator. The Roll Call showed 32 members present and responses were sent by 54 - the making a total response of 86. The clerk reported the membership at the beginning of the year was 102. A letter of dismission was granted to Gardner Clyde Norcross on February 1932. On Aug. 31, 1932 Mrs. Bessie Hall was removed by death. On September 4, 1932 five persons were received into our membership, making a total of 105. Males 33 and Females 72.

After the Roll Call the Moderator read the Standing Rules of the Church.

The report of the Clerk for the year was read.

Motion - To accept the Clerk's report and to stand to her a vote of thanks and appreciation for her work.

The report of the Church Collector and Treasurer, Mrs. Marion Robinson was read and accepted and was as follows: -

Church
Collector's
Report.

Report of money from pledges and weekly envelopes 60 persons have contributed to the church. I have turned over to the Church Treas. a check for each week of the year.

Total amount in checks \$ 792.39

Cash received this week - \$ 58.00

\$ 850.39

Marion Robinson
Treas.

Report of
Home
Expenses

Report of Home Expenses - The loose change
from first two Sundays in each month.

1st Quarter	\$ 13.00
2nd "	25.00
3rd "	56.50
4th "	13.00
Total	\$ 107.50

Expended:

March 28 Turn out over 1st Sunday	\$ 13.00
June 27 " " " "	25.00
Sept 19 " " " "	56.50
Oct 19 Valley Press for Envelopes	2.75
Dec 10 Mrs. Fred Russell Communion	5.00
Dec 19 To Parish Treas.	5.25
Total	\$ 109.50

Marion I. Robinson
Church Treasurer

Report of
Benevolence

Report of Church Benevolence - Loose
change of the last two or three
Sundays in the month

1st Quarter	\$ 14.00
2nd "	19.00
3rd "	16.25
4th "	12.50
Total	\$ 61.75

May 11 - Coin cards -	13.20
June 23 Mrs. Emma Brown	12.00
" " Mrs. George L. Agard	2.00
Total Benevolence	\$ 88.95

This was all sent to Mass. Congl.
Conference each quarter and the
gifts when received to apply on
our apportionment of one hundred
and fifty dollars.

Church	\$ 88.95
A. M. Society	20.00
Total	\$ 108.95

Marion I. Robinson
Church Treasurer

Woman's
Missionary
Society

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society

Nov 6, 1931 Cash on hand \$4.75
 9 Memberships 2.25
 Offerings 19.66
 Sunday School 1.00
 Miss Julia T. Brown 6.00
 Total \$33.66

Expended

Nov 7 American International College \$3.00
 Dec. 16 Ft. J. Working Freight on box
 sent to Atlanta, Ga. 5.00
 Jan. 15 ¹⁹³² Mrs. W. H. Church - Hampden
 County Expense 1.00
 Oct. 11 Wm. W. H. Church 1.00
 " 13 Mass. Congl. Conference 20.00
 \$29.00
 Total Cash on hand \$4.66

Mrs. B. E. Campbell - Pres.

Mrs. M. I. Robinson Treas.

This fall a box has been sent to
 Atlanta, Ga., valued at seven dollars
 at a cost by express of \$2.62.

Ladies
Benevolent
Society

The Amount received by the Ladies
 Benevolent Society for the year ending
 November 8, 1932 is \$314.03

The Amount expended during
 the year \$177.59 leaving a balance
 in the treasury and deposited in
 the bank of \$163.74

The expenditure and receipts
 since Nov 8 have reduced the
 balance to \$141.68

C. E. Society There was no report given for
 the Young People's C. E. Society.

Sunday
School
Report

Report of a First Baptist Congregational
Sunday School for year 1932.

Cash on hand, Jan 1, 1932	\$ 2.75
Rec'd from 1 st quarter collection	20.23
Rec'd from social	3.60
Rec'd from 2 nd quarter collection	18.79
Rec'd " 3 rd " "	14.46
Rec'd " 4 th " "	20.73
Rec'd from Birthday Bank	3.56
	<u>\$ 84.12</u>

Expended:

Paid for supplies 1 st quarter	\$ 14.37
Paid " " 2 nd "	16.93
Paid " " 3 rd "	17.66
Paid for supplies & Christmas	26.50
Paid for repairing clock	2.50
	<u>\$ 77.96</u>

Balance on hand, Dec 31, 1932. \$ 6.16

Mrs. Luedeyck Russell

Sec. and Treas.

Auditor's
Report

Mrs. Robinson reported that the auditor had had the church books audited and had approved and signed them.

Organ
Committee

Mr. Clarence Brown reported that the pledges to the Organ Fund were coming in slowly and that there was about \$8.36 yet to pay.

At this time Mr. Brown spoke of the general condition of the church. He stated that he had just been able to pay the Pastor's salary. That this next year the insurance would be due against. He explained that this past year the invested funds had not been yielding as much as in previous

year and that it would be necessary for every member to make a special effort to help the church. He suggested that a committee might be formed to formulate a letter to be sent to members and friends to urge their loyal support.

Motion - That a committee of three be appointed to formulate and send a letter to the members of the church to request their support in the finances of the church.

Motion - By Mr. Spooner that the personnel of this committee should be Miss Gladys Campbell, Mrs. C. H. Robinson and Mrs. Clarence Brown. So voted.

Report of Pastor - At this time the Moderator asked for a report, if any, from the Pastor. Rev. Matthews said that he had no formal report but that he would review what he considered some of the highlights of the year's work since this marked the close of his first year as our pastor. He mentioned the fine cooperation of the Young People's Society. They have been invited to several regular meetings and socials outside of the town, such as Monson, Palmer and Hale. Such a spirit of friendliness and cooperation is an asset. He praised the staff of officers and teachers of the Sunday School for their fine work during the year. He mentioned the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School, noting the clerk in her report gave credit only to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Edgar Brown, but he felt that there were many others who gave just as much of their time and effort and should be recognized. Mr. Matthews

an acknowledgment of the church choir and organist and their faithful work and attendance. He spoke of the responsibility for the church, of everybody, both in the church and the community and especially so in our town since it is the town church. People so often do not realize that the church is a public organization for the betterment of the community, and everybody should be interested in it personally and help what they can financially. Then Mr. Matthews spoke of how much can be done for the church and the community by prayer. He made an earnest plea for prayer among the members during the coming year. To close Rev. Matthews extended an invitation to all church members and friends to attend an informal reception at the parsonage on Friday Jan. 6, 1933.

All the reports were accepted and voted to be spread upon the records of the church.

Officers
elected.

The following officers of the church were elected for the ensuing year:

Gladys B. Campbell - Clerk
Mrs. Marion Robinson - Treas. & Collector
Mr. Frank Sifford - Auditor
Clarence B. Brown - Deacon
for 4 years.

Motion

That the loose collections be used as they have been in the past few years, namely, the first two Sundays for Home

Expenses and the last two or three Sundays
for Benevolence.

Motion That the envelope system be
used this next year

Motion That the clerk be instructed to
send letters of thanks and appreciation
to Mr. Answorth Adams and Mrs. E.
Edgar Brown for their faithful
service in the work of the Sunday
School during the past year.

Meeting adjourned.
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

March 1933. Rev. Burleigh Matthews read the
following names for membership to
our Church: Miss Eleanor Brown,
Miss Elaine Phillips and Mrs. Joseph
Brown.

March 26, 1933. Rev. Burleigh Matthews read the
following names for membership
in our Church: - Naomi Florence
Brown and Dorothy Elizabeth
Brown.

April 2, 1933. Rev. Burleigh Matthews read the
following names for membership
in our Church: - Mr. Roe Clark
and Mrs. Pearl Clark, by letter from
the Western Methodist Church of
Springfield and Mr. Roe Clark
upon confession of faith.

April 16, 1933. Easter Sunday —
It was voted at this
Easter morning service to
receive the following people
into membership of our
Church: Mrs. Joseph Stegner,



Annual meeting - January 1, 1934.

The annual roll call and business meeting of the First Congregational Church which was postponed from the 27th of December because of the severe cold weather, was held on January 1, 1934 at 2:30 o'clock.

The pastor led in a brief devotional service in which we sang the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be". Mr. Mathews read for a scripture lesson from the 6th chapter of Matthew, and then he led in prayer followed by "The Lord's Prayer".

The business meeting was called to order by the Clerk and Mr. Robert J. Street was chosen as moderator.

The roll call showed 26 members present and with the responses sent in by absent members, there was a total response of 55. The Clerk reported the membership at the beginning of the year was 105. Male members 37 and female members 68. During the year 5 members were admitted to membership on confession of faith, and 3 by letter from other churches. On March 13, 1933 we were grieved by the loss of a faithful member, both to the church and to the town as a whole, Miss Anna Parkell. On September 6, 1933 we again

lost a most faithful member for a long period of time and one who showed keen interest in all affairs of the church to the end of her life. This was Mrs. Ursula Allen Chase. Then again, on Dec. 17, 1933 we lost Mrs. Marion J. Croyle who, too, manifested a warm interest in church matters as shown by the fact that just a week or so before her passing she handed to our Pastor a set of Church envelopes which she had filled to give her share to the upkeep of the church. Therefore, the membership at the beginning of the new year is 110. Male 35 and Female 75.

The report of the Clerk was read and voted to be accepted. The various officers and organizations gave their reports which were accepted and were as follows:

Dec. 29, 1933.

Loose
Change

Home

Expenses

Expended

1942

Report of Offerings and Gifts to the Congl. Church - Expended

Jan. 5 - Treas. George Bond \$2.77

Feb. 6 - M. A. Kuhn, Treas. Tax on 112 members for 1933 15.30

" 6 - C. B. Brown, Treas. Treas. Balance on 1932 Budget 12.00

Gift for 1932 Debt 20.00

Apr. 24 - Palmer Registry on Budget cards - 4.75

June 26 - C. B. Brown, Treas. For parish - 14.00

Sept. 25 - C. B. Brown, " " " 34.60

Nov. 13 - M. A. Kuhn, Treas. Tax on 105 members for 1933 15.75

Dec. 5 - C. B. Brown, Treas. for Parish Thanksgiving offerings 134.75

" 19 - Mrs. Fred Russell
Communion Supplies 5.00

" 26 - C. B. Brown, Treas. for Parish Thanksgiving offerings 10.00

Total Cash Expended \$270.02

Thanksgiving Gifts \$144.75

Bal. for 1932 - \$33.00
For parish - 48.60

Respectfully Submitted,
Marion I. Robinson, Treas.

Loose
Change
Home
Expenses
1933

Loose Change and Gifts to the First Congl.
Church For Home Expenses
1st Quarter

Balance on 1932 Pledges - 13.00
Mrs. E. M. Brown for 1932 bill - 22.00
Loose Change - 15.37

2nd Quarter

Special for Easter 5.00
Loose change - 16.45

3rd Quarter

Aug. 2. Aluminum Co.
Dinner at Passonage 3.75
" 4 " " W. H. Haskins 3.75
Loose change 27.10

4th Quarter

Dec. 5 Thanksgiving Envel Gifts 134.85
" 24 " " " 10.00
Check from Aluminum Co. 5.25
Christmas Gift 3.75
Loose change 11.75
Total Cash \$ 270.02

Home Expense Offerings \$92.17
Cash for 1932 33.00
Thanksgiving Gift - 144.85

Marion I. Robinson, Treas.

73 People contributed to the Thanksgiving Gift.

Church
Report
1933.

Brimfield, Mass. - Dec. 29, 1933.
Report of First Congregational Church
of money received from envelopes -
Pledges and Gifts for Home Expenses -
for year of 1933. \$694.59

Treasurer

This all has been paid by weekly
checks to C. B. Brown - Parish Treas.
Marion I. Robinson
Church Treasurer.

Church Benevolence 1933. Report of First Congregational Church Benevolence for year of 1933.

1st Quarter Offerings	\$ 10.00
2nd " "	23.00
3rd " "	16.00
4th " "	13.00
Total Cash	\$ 62.00
Paid to Mass Congl Conference for Missions	\$ 62.00
Marion D. Robinson, Treas.	

Woman's Missionary Society First Congl Church Woman's Missionary Society

Cash on hand	\$ 4.66
7 Membership Dues	1.75
From Offerings	20.21
Miss Julia T. Brown Gift	6.00
Total Cash	\$ 32.62
Expended	
Miss Woodbury Traveling Expenses	\$ 2.00
W. J. Verking Expenses on bus to Atlanta, Ga.	2.62
C. H. Brown - Flowers Mrs. Tuttle	2.00
Pleasant Hill Academy	2.00
Piedmont College	2.00
American International College	2.00
Mass. Congl. Conference - Missions	20.00
	\$ 32.62
Mrs. B. E. Campbell Pres.	
Mrs. Marion Robinson - Treas.	

Ladies Benevolent Society The Treasurer's Report, for the Ladies Benevolent Society, at the close of the year, ending November 16, 1933.

Amount received	\$ 104.13
Amount expended	141.58
Amount on hand	\$ 120.10
Mrs. Harrison Brown Treas.	

Sunday
School
1933

Burnfield Congt Sunday School Report

Received

1 st Quarter collections	\$ 21.17
2 nd " " "	27.74
3 rd " " "	20.35
4 th " " "	31.61

Birthday Bank

4.15

Entertainment

4.10

Special collection for

Little Wanderers' Home 4.50

Total \$ 133.63

Expended

1 st Quarter for supplies	\$ 14.88
2 nd " " "	17.70
3 rd " " "	23.40
4 th " " "	52.38

Little Wanderers' Home - 4.50

Total - \$ 112.86

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1934 - \$ 20.77

Average attendance 40

Average collection \$ 3.00

Mrs. Frederick Bissell,
Sect. & Treas.

V.P.S. CE.

When all members are present
our membership is about 25.

This year's officers are: President,
Betty Brown; Vice Pres., Homer Parker;
Sect., Elaine Phillips; Treas., Roe Clark.

Ch. Look-out Comm. - Eleanor Brown

Ch. Social Comm. - Roe Clark

Ch. Entertainment Comm. Elaine Phillips

It is the duty of the Look-out
committee to see that any new-comers
to town are invited to join our society,
and other people now here are
invited so as to increase our
membership.

The Entertainment committee decides
the type of entertainment to be given to our
guests at socials.

The Social Committee has charge of the socials. They see to such items as date, time, and place of any socials.

Our regular meetings are held each Sunday evening at 7:00 P. M. in the Church vestry. The topics we use are taken from the Christian Endeavor World, a magazine to which we subscribed for the first time this year. If there is any business to be discussed we hold a short business meeting at the end of this regular meeting.

This year we have had only one special meeting. That was when Mrs. Gay of Springfield spoke to us. She told what was being done by other societies like ours in the Eastern Hampden Union. This Union has meetings several times a year when delegates are sent from each society. The towns which are included in this Union are: Monson, Thorn-dike, Bondsville, Palmer, Three Rivers, Milbraham, Pine Point and Brimfield. They also hold socials to which everyone is invited. This serves to acquaint us with other people in Churchwork in this section, besides giving us ideas on how to conduct our own society. One of our members, Eleanor Brown, is secretary of this Union.

The aim of our society is to promote the interest of the young people from the ages of 10-21 in the church.

This year we have also made two pledges of \$5.00 each to the National C. E. Assoc. of which half is used for home missionaries and half for work abroad.

Betty Brown, Pres.

Auditor

Report given or rather stated by Mr. Robinson, that the auditor, Mr. Frank Gifford had had the Church books and had approved and signed them.

Organ Fund

Mr Clarence Brown reported for the Organ fund that in some ways the prospects were encouraging for people seemed to appreciate what the church had done in improving the church and installing a pipe organ, and yet that many of the people who made pledges in good faith that they could meet them, had found it very difficult to meet them and in some instances had failed to meet them. The report shows that there is yet a note of about \$700 at the Palmer Bank.

At this time Mr. Brown gave the members a partial report from the Parish. The sentiment was again expressed that the Parish should be abolished and that the church would be better able to carry on its work. Constantly money is being given over to the Parish treasury for the upkeep of the church and intended to give the church credit for the same, but the church treasurer does not get the credit of it on the church books. This report, Mr. Brown felt that the church members should hear so as to know the financial status of the church. This report was far from encouraging because it shows a long list of unpaid bills which show that the church and townspeople who are interested in maintaining

the church must rally to the support of the church in a big way this next year. Suggestions for ways of helping the church raise funds were requested and asked to be given to the church committee.

Motion

Upon motion of Mr. Brown it was voted to extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Fidelis Class of the Sunday School for their generous gift to the support of the church in the Thanksgiving Offering.

Pastor's Report

Mr. Mathews, the Pastor, gave a brief report of the year's work. He stated that some of his report would be repetition but that there is value in reviewing things and re-emphasizing them. He spoke of the loss to the church of three of our members this past year. He also spoke of the sudden death of a dear friend of the church, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Harrison Brown's mother.

Mr. Mathews reports a banner year at least, it is for our church in that he has performed 6 marriage ceremonies this past year. Three of these took place in the church auditorium and three in the private homes.

In February we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. White and his wife address us at our morning service. In April Mr. Harry Stock, one of the editors of the Christian Endeavor world spoke to us. In July Mr. Bliss the Chairman of the Congregational Conference addressed us. In one

Sunday during Mr. Mathews' vacation overheard Mr. Cummings of Warren.

Mr. Mathews commented very favorably upon the spirit of cooperation of the church members and townspeople in the welfare of the church. He believes that the church will win in the fight against debt, because they have the right attitude and are willing to give not only of money but of their time. He expressed thanks for the things they did enjoy that there might be lots of things they would like differently but that they were glad just to be here among congenial people.

Election
Officers:

At this time, the officers' reports having been given we proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were nominated and duly elected:

Clerk - Gladys H. Campbell
Treasurer & Collector - Mrs. Marion D. Robinson
Auditor - Mr. Frank Sifford
Deacon for 4 years
Mr. Wallace Moore - 17 votes
Mr. B. E. Campbell - 8 votes

Motion: That the loose collections be used as in previous years, namely, the first two Sundays for home expenses and the last two or three for benevolences.

Amendment:

Motion made and carried that Article I Sect 6 of the By Laws or Standing rule shall read thus:

The church shall hold an

annual meeting during the time two weeks preceding the first Sabbath in January, at which time the rules shall be read, and a report of the Church presented by the Pastor or Clerk of the Church. The motion was made that such an amendment be made and so voted.

Retired
list

A motion was made that those members from whom no word has been received for several years (to be left to the discretion of the Clerk) should be placed on a retired list.

Mr. Moore stated that the committee from the Sunday School had been asking Mrs. J. Edgar Brown to consider the Sup't of the Primary Dept. of the church school but that she felt unable to do this work for another year. Therefore, he made the motion that the clerk be instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Brown to express the appreciation of the church to her for her many years of faithful and most efficient work among the young people of our church.

Motion: To use the envelope system again this next year.

Motion: To let same committee for raising funds, continue for the coming year, namely,
 (Mrs. Robinson)
 Mr. E. B. Brown
 Gladys H. Campbell

Meeting adjourned and a social time was enjoyed by all those present, when corn was popped and luscious apples were served to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Jan. 7,
1934.

The Church ^{members} were called to gether for a short business meeting at the close of the morning service. Mr. Mathews acted as moderator. Mr. C. B. Brown explained that at the Parish meeting a suggestion had been made to hold the church service in the vestry when it was extremely cold, to conserve on fuel and the parish wished the church members to take some action with regard to this. Therefore the following motion was made and carried:

Motion - That on severely cold and stormy Sundays, when it would be difficult to heat the church auditorium, the services be held in the church vestry. This matter to be decided upon or left to the judgment of the janitor and the Pastor.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

March
25, 1934

The names of Miss Mary Lillian Howard and Arthur Edgar Brown were presented for church membership, upon confession of faith.

April 8
1934

The following candidates:-
Miss Mary Lillian Howard of Southbridge

and Arthur Edgar Brown of Brimfield, were accepted as recommended by the Standing Committee and were received into our membership by Mr. Mathews.

May 6, 1934

The following persons were received into membership our church after having been duly recommended and voted upon: - Clarence Howard Keith, Allen Forrest Keith, Claudine Edna Dickinson and Beatrice May Dickinson.

Annual Meeting Jan. 5, 1935.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church was held January 5, 1935. A short devotional period was conducted by our Pastor, Rev. Bealeigh V. Mathews. Mrs. Streeter was unanimously elected to serve as our Moderator after which the standing rules of the church were read. At the Roll Call there were 47 responses and 20 members present.

The first report called for was from our Pastor. He reviewed some of the work carried on in the interests of the church and also ^{spoke} highly of the amount of voluntary service given by many members. He stated the average church attendance for the year was 44 while the

average of the Sunday evening Prayer Meetings was 7. He mentioned his ministry of calling and expressed the desire for Church members to cooperate with him in notifying him of sick members and friends so that he would not neglect anyone. He reported that the Young People's Society had conducted two of our regular Sunday morning services one of which he ministered in charge of the Hampden County Assoc. of C. E. the other our local society, at which time they presented Mr. Charles Beland who related his experiences in a recent trip around the world. Mr. Matthews mentioned the annual County Church meetings held at Thorndike and Southwick respectively, and of our attendance.

The report of the Church Clerk was then given, approved and accepted as read. The membership was reported as follows: -

Membership	Membership 1934	-	Total
	Male 35	- Female 75	110
	Retired list: "	6 " 1	- 7
	Male 29	Female 74	- 103

Lost by death Feb. 20, 1934 Mrs. Emma Brown; June 16, 1934 Mr. Melvin Booth and July 29, 1934 Mrs. Fred Bissell. We received six new members upon profession of faith.

Membership Jan. 5, 1935	Total
Male 31 Female 75	106

The Church Treasurer, Mrs. Marion L. Robinson gave her report which was accepted as follows:

A special note was the fact that

special offering from members and
loyal friends brought us \$209.75

Income Change

For
H. M. M.
Expenses

Expenses

Mar 26	A. E. Ballantyne	
	Flowers for Mrs E. M. Brown	\$ 5.00
" 26	A. B. Brown, Treas.	
	For parish	10.30
June 25	C. B. Brown, Treas.	for parish 19.50
Sept. 4	Calvin Flower	
	Flowers for Dr. Rich Russell	5.00
" 17	H. T. Moore	Communion
	Supplies for year	5.00
Oct. 1	C. B. Brown, Treas.	for parish 41.55
" 22	Hampden Co. Cong. Church	
	Membership plate 11 @ 15¢	16.50
Dec. 22	C. B. Brown	
	Postage	1.42
	Total paid	\$ 104.27

Report
Church
Offering
was
Change.

1 st Quarter	Mrs. M. E. Street	
	Cash from dinner for Church	\$ 3.00
	Collection at Church	12.30
2 nd Quarter	Collections	19.50
3 rd Quarter	Collections	21.07
Aug 26, 1934	Collection from	
	W. F. H. Alumni	30.48
4 th Quarter	Collections	17.92
		\$ 104.27

From Thanksgiving Offering	Envelopes.	
Nov. 2		\$ 96.00
" 9		101.75
" 18		8.00
" 30		4.00
		\$ 209.75

Paid to C. B. Brown, Treas. for
parish \$ 209.75
Marion Robinson
Church Treas.

Report	1 st Quarter	\$ 11.00
Church	2 nd Quarter	20.00
Offerings	3 rd Quarter	15.00
Worship	4 th Quarter	17.30
Collections	Total	\$ 63.30
for	Oct. 28 From Sunday	
Benevolences	School	18.00
	Total	\$ 66.30

Paid Mass Congl Conference
for Missions all money
received (Paid quarterly by check) 63.30

Oct 28

Cash from Sunday School
was paid - Sent a Mail for Mission 3.00
Total \$ 66.30

Marion D. Robinson
Church Treas.

Envelopes Home Expenses
Report of Money given for Church
Home expenses from weekly
envelopes checks and other
ways:

Have collected and turned over
to the Parish Treas. Laurence
B. Brown

\$ 691.15

Marion D. Robinson
Church Treas.

Woman's
Missionary
Society

The Woman's Missionary
Society reported through Mrs.
Robinson and the following
report was approved as read:

Nov. members Paid	\$ 2.25
Collections at meetings	15.00
Special gift for flowers	3.00
Feb. 17 Miss Julia T. Brown	6.00
Oct Miss Gladys Webber	5.00
Marion D. Robinson	3.00
Mrs B. E. Campbell	2.00
Nov Offering at Silver Tea	4.00
Total	\$ 50.25

Open Sept.
 No Sept. 1st speaker \$ 2.00
 Sept. 1st Co. Assessment 1.00
 Mrs. Wright on her way to Atlanta, Ga. 79
 Mrs. A. B. Hall (Latter Day)
 Flowers for Mrs. E. M. Brown 3.00
 Sept 1st Hamilton Co. Assessment 1.00
 Sept 1st Great Congl. Conf. for Missions 10.00
 Speaker Mrs. Wright 2.00
 Transportation 3.00
 Rent & expenses on her way to Atlanta 2.00
 Great Congl. Conf. for Missions 5.00
 \$ 30.79
 Cash on hand .66
 \$ 31.45
 Marshall Robinson Treas

Ladies' Benevolent Society's report was read by
 Society Mrs. Streets and showed a
 balance of \$ 132.00.

Sunday School
 Mr. Allen Keith, treasurer
 of the Sunday School gave his
 report which was accepted as
 follows:

First Quarter -
 Cash on hand - Jan. 6, 1904 \$ 10.90
 Rec'd from collections 27.35
 Birthday bank fund 3.67
 Paid out - supplies 19.32
 Flowers 2.00
 Total receipts - \$ 41.92
 " expenditures 21.32
 Balance \$ 20.60

Second Quarter
 April 1 - Cash on hand \$ 20.60
 Rec'd from collections 26.23
 Paid out - supplies 14.46
 Flowers 1.75
 Total receipts \$ 46.83

Total expenditures 16.21
 Balance \$30.62.

Third Quarter

July: Cash on hand	\$30.62
Recd from collections	33.86
Paid out for supplies	14.58
Flowers	5.00
Sunday School picnic	6.03
Total receipts	34.66
" expenditures	2.58
Balance	\$28.88

Fourth Quarter

Oct: Cash on hand	\$28.88
Recd from collections	27.74
Birthday Bank Fund	3.29
Paid out supplies	20.37
Flowers	5.00
For repair of clock	1.50
Christmas candy	9.24
Total receipts	35.99
Total expenditures	36.51
	\$23.94

Balance Jan. 1, 1905 \$24.38.

Respectfully submitted
 Allen Smith, Secy & Treas.

No report was given for the Young People's Society.

Mrs. Robinson reported that as yet, the books had not been audited by Mr. Gifford, but that he was expected to have them right away.

Mr. Clarence Brown reported that the Organ Fund has been reduced to \$673.13.

Mr. Brown also reported for the Committee on Funds and showed how the Bank Offering was so great a help in maintaining

the expense and hoped that there would be some suitable way for the town people to forthrightly. We spoke of the Parish Meeting which was to come soon and of the fact that the income of the vested funds has decreased so much \$300 there last few years, which accounts to some extent, at least, for the added burden of raising expenses. Voted to send a letter of thanks to the Fidelity Class of the S. S. for their special gift to the Thank Offering.

Officers. The following officers of the Church were elected for the ensuing year -

Gladys H. Campbell	Clerk
Everett D. Landon	Treas. & Collector
Mr. Frank Dufford	Auditor
Mr. Fredrick Russell	Deacon for 4 years

The office of treasurer, which has been held by Mrs. Robinson for several years past, was declined by Mrs. Robinson due to uncertain health. Therefore, the following nominations were made with the following vote:

Mrs. Harry Landon - 0	} Tellers:
Everett D. Landon - 8	
Gladys H. Campbell - 0	
Mrs. Marion Robinson - 1	
Miss Elting Russell - 0	
Mrs. B. V. Mathews - 7	
Mr. William Spooner - 1	and Gladys Campbell

Motion

That the loose collections be utilized as in the past, namely: the first two Sundays for Home Expenses and the last two

three Sundays for Benevolence.

Motion:

That the envelope system be used this next year.

Motion:

That, if found necessary to have a committee to make a special appeal to raise funds in the fall, the Clerk, together with the treasurers of Church and Parish should act as such a committee.

General discussion led to brief remarks by our Moderator, Mr. Streeter, who drew some interesting comparisons with a report of a Mr. Bradford relative to conditions in a church at Plymouth. There is hope for our church when we too, attack the job.

Mr. Clarence Brown remarked with concern that our young people are not active enough in the church work to be interested, and expressed the hope that something might be done to retain them.

Meeting adjourned.

Eddy H. Campbell
Clerk.

May 7, 1935.

The 85th Annual meeting of the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers was held at the Olivet Community House in Springfield. A most inspiring meeting both afternoon and evening. I believe more of our members should attend these meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews attended as well as your clerk

Eddy H. Campbell

May 16, 1935.

Your clerk attended the ecclesiastical council meeting which was called by members of Faith Congregational Church in Springfield, for the purpose of examining Mr. Charles Stuart Nichols for ordination. By unanimous vote of the council it was voted to ordain him as a Congregational minister. This service was inspirational and very impressive.

Aug. 11, 1935.

The Young People's Society had charge of the morning service. Miss Eleanor Clark acted as choir director and organist. The whole service was conducted by the Young People and they presented as the speaker of the morning Rev. Carl Vinney of the East Congregational Church of Springfield. Mr. Paul Larson sang a solo.

Oct. 10, 1935.

The Semi-Annual Hampden County meeting was held at Ludlow Center, Mass. Rev. Potter was the speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Walker attended this meeting.

Nov. 11, 1935

The Young People took charge of the Sunday service. Mrs. Harry Gay and other young people from the Mattineaque Church presented the service. Mrs. Gay gave remarks and the young people presented a play about Babel.

Report of Annual Church Meeting Jan. 3, 1936.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church was held Jan. 3, 1936. At 7:45 P.M. Rev. Burlingame Mathews called the group together for a brief devotional service. Mrs. Knowlton assisted at the piano. At the conclusion the pastor turned the meeting over to the Clerk. Mr. Robert J. Struter was unanimously chosen to serve as Moderator of the meeting. According to custom, for at least the past few years, the Roll Call of members was held before the business meeting. There were 42 members present and responses were sent to be read by 17 others making a total of 59 responses.

The report of the Clerk was read and voted to be accepted as read. The membership report was as follows:

Membership Jan. 5, 1935
 Male 31 Female 75 Total 106.

New Members 0
 Lost by death 1 On Sept 13, 1935 Miss Julia T. Brown died and was brought here for burial. Miss Brown will be missed in many ways for she was the oldest church member at that time, being 92 years old. Although away from Burnfield for many years she always remained a loyal member and supported it by regular contributions and always responded promptly to the clerk's letter with reference to annual meetings. She visited the church after the new organ was installed and was much pleased with the fine new appearance of the Church auditorium.

Membership Jan. 3, 1936

Male 31 Female 74 Total 105.

Pastor's
Report

Then, Mr. Streeter read such parts of the Standing Rules as pertained to meetings and elections of Officers.

The report of the Pastor, Rev. Burleigh V. Mathews was given and is as follows: -

I believe the year just closed has been a successful one, though if we were to rely entirely on statistics, we could hardly call it so. But if we rather look at the spirit of the people and the progress that has been registered in certain lines, we shall be justified in thinking of it as something in which we can rejoice. In the first place, the number of weddings has taken a decided drop this year. In 1934, there were five in which your minister officiated, three of them, in the church, this year, there has been but one wedding, and that took place at the Parsonage. Another wedding was solemnized in town during the absence of the minister on vacation, and this would have been added to the list, had he been on duty, as usual. But while there is life there is hope, and we have every reason to trust that the young people will not fail us, in the long run, and that this year will show a more creditable record than 1935. Now, as to some material improvements: I do not recall mentioning in last year's report, the new kitchen range which the Ladies Benevolent Society, a little over a year ago, installed for us in the Parsonage. Now that there has been time to give it a thorough testing, we are pleased to inform you that it works to a charm. As a heater, and a cooking stove, it leaves little to be desired, and we are very grateful to the members of the Society for their generosity in making this improvement possible. In this connection, too, we might mention new faucets in the kitchen, installed this past year, and several new light

fixtures, very kindly repaired by one of the men of the
 church. In line with these things, we may come
 to the improvements on the Church Hill, made
 this autumn by volunteer workers, under the
 direction and inspiration of the Village Improve-
 ment Society. This undertaking has enlisted the
 interest and cooperation of many different per-
 -sons - not to mention the ladies who prepared two
 delicious lunches at the meeting, for the large
 pack and shovel crew from the hillside. The men
 say that two or three more, this spring, will finish the
 eastern slope of the hill, and clear the way for be-
 -ginning on some other portion of the tract. I am sure
 we all greatly appreciate the public spirit, and willingness
 to work for the church, as so many have done, and
 we know that the results will be a much more
 beautiful plot of ground, about the church. Now, to
 the vestry -- which really speaks for itself. You know
 how much it was in need of attention, a few weeks ago;
 and now the Fidelity Class members came to the rescue,
 and put in funds to re-decorate the ceiling and walls
 of the room, so that now it is not only much
 lighter and pleasanter, but surely far more tidy and
 ornamental. Just thanks go out to them, and to the
 men (or man) who fixed the window weights, and
 the men who put in the new, steam heated platform.
 All these tasks so well done have added amazingly
 to the beauty of the Sunday school room, where so
 much time is spent, first and last, in meetings
 and entertainments. Truly, really the great burden
 is shared, and thank God, they have all done, in
 carrying this project through to completion, with flying
 colors. In relation to these matters of repairs or
 improvement of physical plant, we are telling you of two
 letters we have received that give us much encouragement.
 One from Mr. Samuel B. French, nephew of Mrs. Tyson
 (brother-in-law of Boston), inquiring about repairs to the
 church. (Read Aug. 11, 1877) The other is from Mr.
 Cornwell, Chicago, and came only two or three days ago.
 (Letter read) In both these cases, the attachment to the
 old home town, and especially, to the church, come out

in cheerfulness, and we rejoice that they, and so many other good friends, are thinking of us, and wishing for our comfort and success. This year, we have lost a number of friends - about 15, in all, who have been or were this year, either members of the church - or, in most of the cases, people living in town, or former citizens, who were brought here for burial. Among them, were the last two Grand Army men, Col. Hamilton, and Mrs. Tibot. We shall miss all these older people to whom we have been accustomed so long. And especially tragic was the passing of the two men in November, whose departure has been continually in our minds and on our hearts ever since. Our sympathy and prayers go out for the ones who remain, and we all, I am sure, ask God to be merciful to those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

As to the organizations associated with the church, or a part of it, --- the Sunday School report as given, you will see that the instruction of the children and young people is progressing well. We are blessed with a very efficient Superintendent, and Primary Superintendent, and they are assisted by other faithful officers, and a corps of teachers who are working hard to make the school as effective as possible. The Young People's Society also reports for itself, and I would like to call attention to the fact that they have been remarkably good in attendance upon the meetings. In closing, may I say a word about membership and church attendance. As you notice, we have admitted no new members this year; but I expect a number of accessions between now and the end of the school year, and we plan to have a class for meeting with candidates, and helping them to understand the meaning of church membership, and we shall try to start this class soon. We are glad to know that several young people are thinking of uniting with the church and we shall need them, and all the counsel and help that they can give. With reference to church attendance, as you know, the falling off in attendance in many churches throughout

the Lord has awakened the National Council to the need
 of steps to remedy this failing, and they are ad-
 vising churches what to do, and how to improve
 conditions, and increase the number of those who
 come for worship. We shall discuss these questions
 with church committees, and see what may be
 done to add to the total attendance on Sundays.
 At the moment, one suggestion comes to mind,
 and that is, that each member feel that it is his
 responsibility to be present as often as he can,
 and that he attend, with a certain regularity;
 for example, either every Sunday; or once in
 two weeks; once a month, or at some interval
 that may be possible, in the circumstances
 of his case. If some plan of this kind is followed,
 we shall be sure of greater numbers, and along with
 that, greater enthusiasm for the work of God's
 kingdom, and that is really what church services
 are for. We find our looking over the record for
 the year that we have called about 350 times, or
 an average of about once a day. We hope to
 improve on this during 1936, because it is a
 pleasure to see you people in your homes, and
 we are always glad when we start out to see
 you there. That reminds me of one other
 point, last but not least - the people of the
 church and town have been most generous and
 kind, in the many nice things they have done
 for us as a family, this past year. We
 have received many kindnesses - from
 members of the church; from other persons
 associated with it; and from people not
 attending church, and not connected especially
 with its activities. We deeply prize all these
 tokens of their love and friendship, and
 we wish them to know that we do not
 forget or undervalue their courtesy and
 thoughtfulness. These unheated acts have
 often touched our hearts, and we not only thank you, and
 the rest who have done such things, but we often thank
 God that we are privileged to work in a town

where the people are so happy, and so kind and considerate. May God bless you, and prosper you in the New Year.

Sunday
School
Report

The report for the Sunday School was given by the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Allen Keith, and is as follows: -

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1936	\$ 24.38
Collections	100.68
Birthday Bank	7.66
Cent-a-Month Box	7.00
Little Handers' Home	7.00
	<u>\$ 149.72</u>

Expenses

Supplies	\$ 73.93
Stamps	2.60
Donations to church	10.00
Christmas Presents	2.00
Candy	7.00
S. S. picnic	6.70
Flowers	9.40
Mass Craft Miss Gentry	7.00
Little Handers' Home	4.00
	<u>\$ 149.63</u>

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1936 - \$ 149.63
\$.09

Average Attendance 36

Average Offering \$ 1.92

Allen Keith

Sect. & Treas.

Christian
Endeavor
Society

The report of the Christian Endeavor Society was given by Miss Eleanor Brown and is as follows: -

The Christian Endeavor, during the year of 1935 has increased in membership and in its various activities. Our officers for this last year were:

President - Allen Keith

Vice President - Eleanor Brown

Treasurer - Rev. Clark
Secretary - Grace Sherman

The other members were:

Richard Brown

Barbara Phillips

Raymond Young

Edward Phillips

Barbara Ladd

Harriet Tarball

Hugh McIntyre

William Whittier

Tommy Barker

Parker Knott

We have taken over the Church service these times during the past year and, we feel that we have done quite well in these services. We have not attempted, as yet, to undertake the sermon, but we have succeeded in engaging some very good speakers to assist us. These were Charles Leland, who spoke of his trip around the world and of his friendships extended to visitors in the foreign countries. The other two speakers were Captain Lawrence Barker, who spoke of education in the Pacific, Expeditionary Forces, and the Home, minister of the East Church in Springfield and director of the East Church Camp.

Through the invitation of the Christian Endeavor, the Pilgrimage Fellowship of Springfield put on a play concerning peace, during the Church service, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Gay.

Our social activities have not been so large this last year, but we did attend a few meetings and socials in Talmer.

The Christian Endeavor, as is the custom, sang carols to some of the shut-ins of Springfield. Their caroling this last year, was done on the Sunday night before Christmas by a group of about 25 young people.

On January 1, 1935 there was a sum of \$2.54 in our treasury. Now, January 1, 1936, we have \$13.77. Some money during the last year has been

pledged to the State Union

The whole, during 1905 and especially during the latter part of the year the Christian Endeavor has been more successful than it has been for many years.

Ladies
Benevolent
Society
(see p. 1)

Women's
Missionary
Society

No definite report for the Ladies Benevolent Society was given as Mr. Harrison Brown was not present. Mrs. Morris Moore stated that they had a fairly good year.

Mrs. Marion Robinson gave a brief report of finances for the Woman's Missionary Society which is as follows:

Jan. 1905	Cash on hand	\$.66
Feb. "	Receipts by J. J. Jones	6.00
Sept. "	Mrs. Gladys K. Allen	5.00
Dec. "	Cash	4.34
		<u>\$ 16.00</u>

Expenses

Oct. 1905	Mrs. Lucy T. Sharp	\$ 1.00
Dec. 1905	Mrs. Mary Cong. Conf. for	15.00
	Missionary	<u>\$ 16.00</u>

Marion A. Robinson.

Church
Treasurer

The Church Treasurer and Collector, Mr. Everett Landen gave his report which is as follows: Mr. Landen reported that the Auditor Mr. Frank Lippard had the Church books and had reported them as all correct.

Nov. 1905	First Quarter	\$ 10.16
Dec. 1905	Second "	21.18
Jan. 1906	Third "	14.12
Feb. 1906	Fourth "	12.43
		<u>\$ 57.89</u>
	Expended to Mass. Cong. Conf. - Boston, Mass.	<u>57.89</u>

Home	First Quarter	\$ 13.54
Expenses	Second "	18.71
	Third "	11.00
	Fourth "	32.58
		<u>\$ 106.06</u>

Expended: -

Mr. Moore for laundering of	
Junior Choir collars	\$ 1.46
Mrs. H. P. Moore for	
Communion supplies	5.00
Assessment Fund	
105 members @ 15¢ each	15.75
Mr. Clarence B. Brown	83.91
	<u>\$ 106.06</u>

Envelopes

First Quarter	\$ 238.15
Second Quarter	97.70
Third Quarter	93.55
Fourth Quarter	155.75
	<u>\$ 588.15</u>
Paid to Mr. C. B. Brown	575.15
	<u>\$ 13.00</u>

This amount of \$13.00 was received after the books had been closed but donors were desirous of its being credited to 1935.

Everett Landen

Treas. and Collector.

These reports were accepted as read.

Organ Fund.

Mr. Clarence Brown reported that no progress had been made in reducing the deficit on the Organ so that there still remains \$673.15 balance. The general report which Mr. Brown gave us, indicated very plainly that new methods for raising funds to carry on Church work should be adopted. He urged that it surely

suggested that a letter should be come for
our Church and Parish to be written
suggested that a committee or
delegate be appointed to take up
the problem with the Congregational
Society in Boston.

Officers
Elected

At this time the election of
officers was held and the following
officers were duly elected for the
 ensuing year:

Chairman - E. J. Campbell
Treas. & Collector - Court Landon
Auditor - Mr. Frank Clifford
Deacons for 4 years -

The Chas. H. H. H.	23 votes
The Rev. Campbell	14 "
	37 votes

The Rev. Clark, Jr. and The Hon. H. H. H. acted as tellers.

New Business

Mr. Everett Landon made a
new system for raising funds to
replace our present one. He brought
out the fact that we know very
approximately what our
expenses will be next year
but that we have no opportunity
of knowing what we can
expect to receive during the
year. He suggested a thorough
canvass of members and of
all protestant families in town,
who surely appreciate the Church
in the community although
they do not definitely belong
or support it at the present
time, be made.

Motion

That the Moderator appoint
a Committee of Three to consult
with Church and Parish Treasurers,

concerning methods of raising funds for the support of the Church. Motion carried and Mr. Sturtevant appointed Mr. For Clark, Mr. Charles Wheeler and Mrs. Joseph St. John to serve as such a committee. Motion also included the fact that they should confer with a committee which would (probably) be appointed at the Church meeting, to see what might be done to unify Church and Parish.

Motion
lost.

That the loose collections be distributed as in former years, namely, the first two Sundays for Home Expenses and the last two or three Sundays for Benevolence. Discussion of this motion brought out the fact that very often visitors and friends of the Church place a liberal offering on the plate, expecting it to be used for the expenses of the Church, when it often occurs that it is on one of the Sundays when the loose collections go for Benevolence rather than Home Expenses. When brought to a vote this motion was lost.

Motion

That the loose collections be paid into the Church Treasury every Sunday and that it should be left to the discretion of the Standing Committee and Treasurer as to how it should be distributed between Home and Benevolent Expenses. Motion carried.

Motion

To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldad H. Campbell

After the business meeting refreshments consisting of sandwiches,

cake and coffee were served and
a social time was enjoyed
by all.

Gladys H. Campbell

Jan. 12, 1936

Meeting called at the close of
the regular morning Church service.
Rev. B. W. Mathews served as
Moderator and stated that the
committee appointed at the
Annual Meeting was ready to
report to the Church.

In the absence of Mr. Roe
Clark, chairman of the committee,
Mr. Clarence Brown read the
report which was in the form of
a letter to be sent to members and
friends of the church.

Minutes

By Mr. Brown that the
church accept this report and
authorize the sending of such
a letter. In addition, that the
committee become a permanent
advisory board, for the ensuing
year. So noted.

Meeting adjourned.

Gladys H. Campbell,
Clerk.

Copy of
letter sent

Jan. 16, 1936.

To the Members and Friends of the Brimfield
Church:

At the Annual Meeting of the
Brimfield Congregational Church,
the report of the Treasurer made it
evident that serious thought must be
given to the balancing of the church
budget. Many to whom this letter
is addressed may not fully
appreciate how greatly both the
income from invested funds and

from contributions by church members and friends has diminished in the past few years.

The committee appointed by the Moderator at this Annual Meeting has gone over the whole situation thoroughly. It believes that many will welcome an exact statement of the church's financial condition and consider it a privilege to rally to its support. Such a statement follows:

Estimated expenses		Estimated income	
for 1936:			
Unpaid bills 1935	\$260.00	From invested funds	\$650.00
Insurance	100.00	Plate collections	125.00
Salaries		Organ fund	50.00
Pastor	1000.00	Envelope Collections	
Organist	150.00	(estimated as being	
Janitor	150.00	necessary to	
Fuel	60.00	balance the account)	1252.00
Light	25.00		
Repairs	100.00		
Reserve for Contingencies	100.00		
Interest on indebtedness	52.40		
	<u>\$2077.40</u>		<u>\$2077.40</u>

In 1935 collections totaled \$588.15. This amount must be more than doubled in 1936 if all obligations are to be met.

This committee feels that if each member and friend will make a pledge of a definite amount and pay such a pledge in regular contributions, the church finances will stand upon a much firmer foundation.

Enclosed is a pledge card which you may wish to sign and return at once. Should the committee not receive your pledge, it will assume that

perhaps you want further information. With that in mind it will arrange to have someone call upon you during the afternoon or evening of Sunday, January 6.

Cordially yours,

Charles Brown }
 Fred L. Clark } Special
 Everett Sanders } Committee
 Charles Wheeler }
 Freda B. Stegman }

Jan 26, 1936.

The church was called together at the close of the regular morning service. Mr. Mathews presided. The clerk read a letter from Mrs. Jessie Hitchcock Van Dusen, asking a letter of dismissal from our church to join at South Royalton, Vermont.

Motion

Upon motion of Mr. C. B. Brown, voted to grant Mrs. Van Dusen such a letter and instruct the clerk to so write a letter of dismissal from our church and of recommendation to another church.

Meeting adjourned

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

Insert of
 Annual Report
 of the Ladies'
 Benevolent Society

Treasurer's Report for the Ladies Benevolent Society, at close of year ending November 13, 1935.

for 1935.

Amount in Savings Bank	\$ 136.07
Amount received during year	41.71
Amount expended "	31.32
Amount of cash on hand	6.24

Clara Baxter Brown - Sec'y & Treas.

Service of
Recognition and
The Rev. Herbert
Heller Deak.
(Springfield)

On Tuesday, February 18, 1936, Rev. H. V. Mathews and Gladys K. Campbell attended the Ecclesiastical Council which was called to meet at Park Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass. This council met with a two fold purpose, namely; for the dismissal of Rev. H. V. Deak as pastor of the Park Congregational Church and for his recognition as pastor of the Park Congregational Church. The Rev. Alfred E. Walton, D.D. of Toupley Avenue Cong. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. gave the address of the evening and the meeting was most inspiring. Gladys K. Campbell, Clerk.

Mar. 22, 1936

The names of Grace Eleanor Sherman, Richard Brown and Charles Parker Wood were presented for membership at the regular morning service.

Mar. 29, 1936.

The morning service was conducted by the Young People's Society. Miss Eleanor Clark assisted at the organ and had a group of ten young people in the choir. The complete order of service was presided over by the following persons: Harriet Tarbell, Barbara Ladd, Allen Keith, Grace Sherman and Richard Brown. Mr. Philip L. Dutton was presented as the speaker and he gave a very interesting and graphic picture of China and its problems and hopes.

Apr. 5, 1936.

Voted: To accept into our membership and fellowship the following candidates, on Easter Sunday: - Grace E. Sherman, Richard Brown and Charles Parker Wood.

April 12, 1936

The following people were received into our membership at the Easter service, Grace E. Sherman, Richard James Brown and Charles Parker Wood. Richard Brown was baptized at the service.

April 26, 1936.

A meeting which was announced one week previously, was called to order by Rev. Rutledge Mathews. Mr. Clarence Brown gave a brief report from the committee which has been studying the matter of consolidating Church and Parish.

Motion:- That this committee which was appointed at the annual meeting (see Page 83) be authorized to prepare the necessary papers and By-Laws, to be submitted to the Church body for approval at a future meeting, for the consolidating our Church and Parish as one body or Corporation. So voted.

Voted to adjourn.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

Notice of
meeting
posted in
Church
April 27, 1936.

To the members of the First Congregational Church, Brimfield, Mass.

You are hereby notified that a meeting of the resident members of said church of 21 years of age and upwards, for the purpose of organizing said Church into a corporation, by the adoption of by-laws and election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held on Thursday the 14th of May

at 7:30 P.M. at their usual place of worship.

Everett D. Landon.
 Copy made by Gladys H. Campbell.

86th
 Annual
 Meeting
 Hampden
 Assoc. of
 Cong. Churches
 and
 Ministers.

The 86th annual meeting of the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers was held Wed. May 6th 1936 at the Cong. Church at Monson, Mass. Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Campbell attended the meeting and report a very enjoyable meeting and a splendid lecture by Francis C. Lambach, Ph.D., Missionary in the Philippines.

Meeting
 for
 Incorporation
 May 14th, 1936.

Members of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Massachusetts met and were called to order by the Clerk at 7:45 P.M. on Thursday, May 14th, 1936.

The notice of the meeting, together with the purpose for same, namely; the organizing of said church into a corporation, by the adoption of by-laws, and election of officers and the transaction of such other business as might properly come before the meeting, was read by the clerk.

Mr. Clarence K. Brown was duly nominated and elected by ballot to be the Moderator. Then the laws relative to necessary procedure at such a meeting were read by him.

Miss Gladys H. Campbell was duly nominated and elected by ballot to be the Clerk.

At this time the By-laws for the Corporation were presented for ratification. Moved that the by laws

be taken up article by article for consideration Motion Carried and the following By Laws were adopted to govern the Corporation. (See below for copy of By Laws)

The following officers were duly nominated and elected by ballot:

Four Deacons:

Mr. Charles Wheeler	4 years
Mr. Frederick Russell	3 years
Mr. Gallus Moore	2 years
Mr. Laurence Brown	1 year

Treasurer

Mr. Everett Landon

Auditor

Mr. William L. Spooner

Supt. of the Sunday School

Miss Gladys H. Campbell

Board of Trustees (election)

Mr. Geo. Clark	5 years
Mr. Laurence H. Brown	4 years
Mr. William L. Spooner	3 years
Mr. Frank Sifford	2 years
Mr. Charles Wheeler	1 year

Standing Committee (election)

Miss Ethel Spooner
 Mrs. Allen Smith
 Mrs. Hester Sherman

Motion to adjourn moved & carried.

Respectfully submitted
 Gladys H. Campbell

This is to certify that the Certificate of Organization and the clerk's minutes of the incorporation meeting together with the by laws adopted at this meeting were sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Everett Landon, to be sent with a filing fee of five dollars to the Department of Corporations and

Adoption to State House - Boston, Mass.
on May 18th, 1906.

Clady H. Campbell, Clerk.

By-Laws

Article I

Name

The name of this church is the First Congregational of Braintree, Massachusetts. It is a Unitarian Congregational Church in its polity and denominational affiliations, controlling and administering internal affairs and not recognizing any ecclesiastical authority or oversight outside of its own membership.

Article II

Doctrine

The doctrinal basis of this church is the faith which our fathers confessed and which from age to age has found its expression in the historic creeds of the Church Universal and of the Congregational Fellowship.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. "The membership of this church shall be constituted as follows: -

Reg.

- "a. All persons who are, at the adoption of these by-laws, members of this church in good standing shall continue to be members thereof.
- "b. Persons who upon due examination by the Standing Committee may from time to time be found to be of good character and in sympathy with the objects and doctrinal position of this church, may, if the church shall so vote, be admitted to such membership upon confession of faith, subject to such regulation as the church may hereafter adopt.

"c. Persons who are communicants in good standing of other churches which perpetuate the historic Christian tradition may, if the Standing Committee shall so recommend and the church shall so vote, be received into membership by letter in accordance with the usage of the Congregational denomination."

associate
membership

"d. The church may admit any regular financial supporters of the church to associate membership, with a vote upon financial questions only; provided, however, that no action of a meeting in which associate members shall have taken part, looking to the reduction of the minister's salary or the alienation of church property, shall be valid until the same has been ratified by a meeting of church members only, or until sixty days shall have elapsed without a written request of ten church members for such a meeting."

Letters of
dismissal

Section 2. Letters of dismission to other churches may be granted by vote of the church to members in good standing who apply for them. If a member in good standing shall request that his name be dropped from the roll and the church shall vote to grant such request, his membership shall thereupon terminate. It shall be competent for the church by vote to drop from the roll the name of any member whose whereabouts cannot by diligent search be ascertained or who has permanently and without good cause absented himself from the church. Such names to be

recommended to the church by the Standing Committee and the Clerk. - It shall be also competent for the church, after giving due notice to the person in question and affording him an opportunity to be heard in his own behalf, to remove from the roll the name of any member who may be guilty of misconduct inconsistent with his Christian profession.

Article IV

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this church shall be as follows: -

Minister

Treasurer

Moderator

Auditor

Four Deacons

Supt of the

Clerk

Sunday School

Board of Trustees (of which the pastor and Treasurer shall be trustees ex-officio) and five (5) elective members.

See
Amendment. *

Standing Committee (of which the pastor, deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School shall be members ex-officio) and three (3) elective members.

See
Amendment.

How elected.

* Section 2. All officers, other than the minister, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the church. At the meeting held on May 14th 1936 there shall be chosen one deacon to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years, and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, one deacon to serve for four years shall be elected at each annual meeting. All other officers (except the minister and trustees) shall hold office for one year and until their respective successors are chosen. The trustees shall be elected for a term of five years, except that

Duties

Moderator

those first elected shall be elected for such terms of office as shall enable the church thereafter to elect one trustee each year.

Section 3 The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the church (other than the annual meeting) except meetings for the election of members or for voting of letters of dismission, when the pastor shall preside.

Deacons

Section 4 The Deacons shall provide for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and assist in its administration and shall perform such other duties as may properly appertain to their office according to Congregational usage, or may be attached thereto by the church.

Clerk

Section 5 The Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. He shall have the custody of the record books of the church and shall record therein the reception of all members and every termination of membership by dismission, death or otherwise and shall likewise record all business transacted at the meetings of the church (together with all marriages and baptisms which the minister may report to him), shall issue letters of dismission when voted by the church and shall perform all other duties which properly appertain to his office or which may be attached thereto by the church.

Treasurer

Section 6 The Treasurer shall receive, hold and disburse the current funds of the church subject to its direction and the direction of the Board of Trustees. He shall keep the accounts of the church in suitable books

and shall discharge all other duties properly appertaining to his office or which may be attached thereto by the church. He shall keep all moneys and all deposits made and all checks drawn by him shall be in the name of the church. He shall make an annual written report to the church in detail of his receipts and disbursements.

Auditor

Section 7 The Auditor shall cause the accounts of the Treasurer to be carefully audited at least once a year and shall make a written report of his findings at the annual meeting of the church.

Supt. of S. S.

Section 8 The Superintendent of the Sunday School shall have the general oversight and direction of the school and shall conduct its affairs upon such general plans and in accordance with such methods as may be approved by the Standing Committee. He shall at the annual meeting of the church present a written report of the work of the school during the year, with such recommendations as he may deem wise.

Trustees

Section 9 The Board of Trustees shall, except as otherwise provided in these rules, have the management of the affairs and administrative business of the church. All real estate of the church, together with all books, equipment, furniture and other personal property used in connection therewith and all invested funds of the church shall be in the custody of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall have control of the invested funds of the church, but ^{shall have no power} to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any real estate without a specific vote

of the church authorizing such action. The Board shall make at the annual meeting a detailed report in writing of all of their transactions during the year.

Standing
Comm.

Section 10. The Standing Committee shall have general charge of the spiritual welfare of the church. It shall consider and pass on applications for membership in the church by confessions of faith. It shall counsel with the pastor and plan for such additional meetings and activities of the church as may from time to time seem desirable. Its members shall call on the sick and those in trouble and endeavor to guide and watch over the younger members of the church. The committee shall advise in relation to the revision of the roll of membership of the church when such revision seems desirable.

Article V.

Services

Section 1. Public services shall be held statedly on the Lord's Day, and on such other times as the church may from time to time determine.

Sacrament

Section 2. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall, except as the church shall otherwise determine, be administered on the first Sunday of each second month beginning with January.

Quorum
for
admission of
members
dismissals
etc.

Section 3. The members present at any of the regular meetings of the church for worship may without special notice transact any business relative to the admission of members, the granting of letters of dismission or the appointment of committees or of delegates to

ecclesiastical councils, conferences and similar bodies.

Annual Meeting

Section 4 The annual meeting of the church shall be held during the two weeks next preceding the first Sunday in January; at which time the annual reports shall be presented, officers elected and such other business as may be authorized by the by-laws transacted. Notice of the annual meeting shall be prepared by the Clerk and read from the pulpit at the morning services on the two preceding Sundays.

Special Meetings

Section 5. Special meetings of the church shall be called by the clerk, whenever a written request specifying the date of the proposed meeting and the objects of the same shall be filed with him by the minister, by the Standing Committee or by five adult members of the church. The call of the meeting (in which the objects of the same shall be specified) shall be read from the pulpit at the morning services not less than three days before the date of the meeting. No action not specified in the call shall be transacted at any special meeting.

Temporary Moderator

Section 6. In case the Moderator is absent from any annual or special meeting the members shall elect a temporary Moderator.

Quorum

Section 7. At all annual and special meetings seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI

Making of Amendments

These by laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting of the church.

or at a special meeting, provided that no amendment shall be made unless fully set out (at the written request of the minister, the Standing Committee or five adult members) of the church filed with the Clerk) in the notice of this meeting, whether an annual or special.

Article VII

Rules for
Gov't.

In all matters of government not provided for in these by laws the church shall be governed by established Congregational usage.

Amendments:

Art. IV Sect. 2

The Standing Committee of the Church shall be authorized to act for the Church, by meeting with the nominating committee of the S. S. when they meet to nominate the Supt. of the S. S. The purpose of this, being, to have both the Church and the S. S. have a voice in the selection of its Superintendent. See page 118.

Art. II Sect. 1

The Standing Committee (of which the pastor, deacons, Supt. of the S. S. and Clerk shall be members ex officio) and three select members. See page 179.

May 24, 1936.

The regular morning service was conducted by the Young Peoples or Pilgrim Fellowship of Hampden County. The organist and chorists were assisted by them. Miss Shirley Brown presided and presented Mr. Eddy from the International College in Springfield.

May 31, 1936

The Young Peoples Society took charge of the morning service with Mrs. Eleanor Brown as chair man. Mrs. Eleanor Clark served as organist and led the choir of young people. They presented Mr. Richard Carlton, a student at Harvard Divinity School as the guest speaker. The meeting was well attended.

June 4, 1936.

Rev. Mr. Mathews and Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. B. E. Campbell and Miss Gladys Campbell attended the ecclesiastical council meeting held at Hope Cong. Church in Springfield for the purpose of examining Otto Karl Jones as candidate to the ministry. It was so voted and the service for ordination and installation was duly carried on to which service we as delegates remained.

Pastor's

Vacation was closed, during the Pastor's vacation. On August 30, 1936 the church service was conducted by the Hitchcock Normal Free Academy Alumni Association. Rev. Hugh Magill delivered the sermon. Charles L. Pierce presided as president and Gladys H. Campbell served as organist and choir director for an Alumni Choir of fourteen members.

Sept. 6, 1936.

Rev. Matthews read a letter from the First Church of Oberlin, Ohio, recommending to our fellowship and care, Miss Eleanor H. Clark. Said letter to be held over for action later.

Sept. 12, 1936.

Upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was voted to receive Miss Eleanor H. Clark into our membership. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. Matthews.

I noticed as the pastor, the church to convene at the close of the church service on Sunday Sept 20th for a brief meeting.

Sept. 20, 1936

The Church was called to order by our Pastor. The Clerk who was the only member of the Committee which met to arrange for the unification of Church and Parish, gave a brief report stating that it was necessary for the Church to accept formally the gifts, funds and liabilities from the Parish. Discussion followed with the motion to adjourn until called by the Standing Committee by a written notice from the Clerk. This matter was considered very vital to the future life of the Church.

Oct. 4, 1936.

At the written request of the clerk the church was called together at the close of the morning service. Meeting called to order by the Moderator Mr. C. B. Brown. The motion which was voted by the Parish at their last meeting was read by the Clerk. Then Mrs. Everett Landon presented a motion in five parts. This motion was suggested and approved by Mr

William S. Spooner and Gladys H. Campbell
Members of the Parish Committee and is
as follows:-

Motion:

Acceptance
of funds,
debts, obligations
real estate, etc.
from the
Parish.

1. That the First Congregational Church, Inc., of Brimfield, Massachusetts accept and by this action does accept all the property of whatever kind or nature, of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, Massachusetts.

2. That said incorporated church assumes all debts or financial obligations of said Parish.

3. That said incorporated church pledges itself to administer all bequests made over to it by said Parish at any date, in full accord with the conditions under which said bequests were made to said Parish.

4. That said incorporated church treat the history of said Parish as part of its own history and that all of its records be preserved with the records of the church.

5. That said incorporated church authorizes its duly elected trustees to forthwith complete negotiations with the committee of said Parish as above set forth.

The above motion was so voted.

Moved to adjourn!

Gladys H. Campbell, clerk

Annual Meeting — Jan. 2, 1937

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church, Inc. was held Sat. evening Jan. 2, 1937. Mr. Matthews conducted a short devotional service with Miss Eleanor Clark acting as pianist.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Clarence B. Brown. The Roll Call was given showing an attendance of 34 members with responses sent by 17 there totaling 51 responses. There were 9 absentees by whom no word was sent. Several of these have not responded for a period of five or six years.

The Clerk's report was read and accepted. The Membership report was as follows:—

Membership Jan. 3, 1936

Male	31	Female	74	Total	105
Admissions	"		"		
	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>		
	33		76		

Dismissals (letter)	"		"		
	<u>0</u>		<u>2</u>		
	33		74		

by death — 0

Male	<u>33</u>	Female	<u>68</u>	Total	101.
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Treasurer's

Report

Report of the Church Treasurer, Everett D. Landen was read & accepted, as follows:—

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1936 — \$ 13.00

Receipts

Pledges (operating expenses) \$ 962.20

" (Benevolent ") 15.85

Plate Collections 140.15

Miscellaneous — 2.75 1120.95
\$ 1133.95

Disbursements

To Parish Treasurer \$ 1050.20

Miscellaneous Expense 35.77 \$ 1085.97

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1937 47.98
\$ 1133.95

Everett D. Landen, Treas.

Auditor

The Church Auditor, Mr. William S. Spooner, gave his report that he had audited and approved these records. This report accepted as given.

At this time, Mrs. Clarence B. Brown, the Parish Treas gave a brief resume to show us how the Parish funds stood. Since the Church is soon to assume full responsibility for all the obligations of the Parish, these reports proved most interesting.

Mr. Mathew's
Report.

Mr. Mathew gave his report which was voted accepted as read. An outline follows:

Greetings - Happy New Year!

Weddings - Eight couples were married.

Deaths - Included six Church members.

Mrs. Julia Hicks - closely connected although not a member.

Mrs. Charlotte Wales Chamberlain

Died March 13th in Boston.

Members - Four young people joined Church

Four little children baptized.

Sunday School - Improved attendance.

Interest of classes - Picnics

B. L. S. Class - Newly organized

The Fidelis Class -

Continued splendid work for betterment of Church.

a. Redecoration of Church Vestry

b. Venetian Blinds

c. New light globes etc.

Bunfield Improvement Society

Splendid work of landscaping of the front yard of the Church. - See Perry.

Benevolent Society - Harvest supper & sale.

Church Services

1. Young People's Services at Church - Speakers

a. The Button of China

b. Richard Carlton - Newton Theological Seminary

c. Richard Banford of Monson, Mass.

2. May 24th in charge of Piquette - Clergy

a. Mrs. Norman Eddy of Springfield, Mass.

3. Dr. John K. Scotford

Guest speaker at the baccalaureate meeting of H. F. A. June 21st

4. June 7th Mr. William Sanley of No. Wilbraham

5. July 12th Dr. Carl Vinie - East Church - Springfield

6. Aug 30th T. F. A. Alumni Assoc.
Rev. Hugh Magill - speaker.

Average Attendances

Morning services	—	43
Sunday School	—	62
B. E.	—	11

Number of calls — about 386.

S.S. Supt.'s
report

Miss Gladys Campbell gave her report for the Sunday School. This report is an innovation since the incorporation of the Church. It is as follows: —

The record of the S.S. for the year, 1936, is one of great encouragement to me and I feel that it should be to the Church. The aggregate attendance this year has more than doubled that of the previous year. At the beginning of the year the S.S. voted to renew its membership in the system of Cross and Crown Pins for attendance at S.S. sessions. The members entered heartily into this method of gaining awards for perfect attendance and over 40 pins were awarded the first quarter. Naturally some have not been able to continue an unbroken record and will not receive their gold pins at the beginning of the new year. However, a splendid percentage of those who started out in June have continued with perfect records through December and they surely justly deserve credit.

This renewed interest and attendance has made it necessary to have some new teachers appointed at times. I, as Supt. wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the teachers, officers and committee members who have given so generously of their time to helping in the S.S. Without their support the work could not be carried on very long.

One new class in the Adult Department, B.S. that of the Young Women of the Community, has proved its worth in many ways. Their very presence has been a source of inspiration to me and surely they must have a far-reaching influence over the younger children. I regret that an attempt to interest similarly the young men of the town has been unsuccessful to date, but, I believe that such a class

should be organized soon and would be a splendid asset to the S. S.

I would be very ungrateful indeed if I did not recognize at this time, the improvements which have been made to our S. S. rooms. The redecorations, new Venetian blinds, and beautiful pictures have made an atmosphere of true worship possible and the organized classes of the S. S. are thus performing something of lasting benefit to the Church & S. S. I surely hope that in the near future more adequate equipment may be secured for the work of the Primary and Junior Departments. Mrs. F. Edgar Brown has taken a huge burden upon her shoulders in the work of these departments, and, as always, has given wholeheartedly of time and effort and my report would be worthless unless due credit were given her for her faithful & efficient service.

I have enjoyed the work as supt. and appreciate all your considerations of my lack of experience. I trust that the work will continue to grow and such a work of God is certain to do this in the hands of so many willing helpers.

Glady H. Campbell, Supt. of S. S.

The S. S. Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Clark, Jr., as follows: -

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1936	\$	29
Collections		159.69
Other sources		36.36
	\$	<u>195.04</u>
Total expenses supplied		
Longshore, printed		171.83
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1937 -	\$	<u>23.21</u>

Two of the organized classes of the S. S. reported work of interest to the Church.

The
Fidelis
Class.

We have had a most successful year. We have held regular monthly meetings the first Wednesday afternoon of each month, except for December, which was cancelled on account of bad weather. The following were some of the outstanding

projects.

February - serving of Town Meeting Day Dinner.
- Voted to purchase some venetian blinds for chd. room.

Feb. 21st Military Mass at the Town Hall.

June 10th Flag Day supper.

Food sales during summer.

August - H. F. A. alumni association dinner served by a competent committee. Very successful.

October - Class served lunch Columbus Day at Elbow Brook turkey farm of H. E. Shaw - occasion being N. E. turkey raisers assoc. field day. 300 served. Lunch also served for the auction at Lincoln Homestead on October 14th.

Nov. 10th Turkey supper - Very successful.

In August - voted to buy two pictures for s.d. room. Later voted to purchase two additional ones. In November voted to buy extra dishes.

Finally, we wish at this time to thank you all for our co-operation during the past year without which we could not have been as successful.

Mrs. Stanley Hicks.

B. L. S.
Class.

At the suggestion of Rev. and Mrs. Mathews a group of nine young women met at the Parsonage Feb. 7, 1936 and organized the B. L. S. Class of Krimfield Congregational Church.

The Bible was decided upon as a course of study and Mrs. Harry B. Lenden, teacher.

The first project for the purpose of earning money was the presentation of "The Town Thumb Wedding" and "Piquant of Wedding Gowns" on May 9th in the Church. It was most encouraging to have the first undertaking such a success owing to the faithful work of the class members and

children of the town and the generous cooperation of the church members and townspeople.

Various other functions have been sponsored by the class throughout the year, such as food sales, suppers and the selling of Christmas trees and decorations.

The class has contributed \$15.00 for the Organ Fund and \$8.62 to complete the payment on the Sunday School Hymnals.

The enrollment of the class has increased. It is the hope of the class and its members to be able to be of more service to the Church and Sunday School throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Clough, Sect.

C. E.
Society.

The Christian Endeavor Society reported through Miss Grace Sherman as follows:

During the past year the C.E. Society has held its meetings Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. until recently when the time was changed to 6:00 P.M. Members have attended meetings of the neighboring societies during the year. They also took part in the morning services held by the C.E. Society. This Christmas we packed a basket of food and took to one of the families in town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Sherman, Sect.

Treasurer's Report of C.E. Cash on hand \$13.77
 Receipts from collections 11.94
\$25.71

Expenditures

C.E. World	\$.75	
Cleaning Choir Robes	12.50	
Pledge	5.00	
C.E. paper	.10	
Speakers	5.00	
Postage	.26	21.61

Balance on hand \$4.10

Harriet J. Smith, Treas.

Ladies
Benevolent
Society

The Ladies Benevolent Society's report of Mrs. Harrison Brown was read by Miss Matthews. We have lost 4 members by death. Spent \$14.00 for floral pieces, \$8.25 for individual gifts, \$5.00 for Red Cross making \$27.25. Have contributed to the Church \$50.00 for wood, \$27.00 for coal \$5.00 for repairing the clock, making a total of \$82.00 for Church or a total of \$109.25 for the year. We have held one food sale and the usual harvest supper and sale and we have some articles yet to sell.

Women's
Missionary
Society

Mrs. Charles Robinson reported informally for the Women's Missionary Society which has not had meetings this year but an amount of \$10.00 has been forwarded to the Mass. Cong. Conf. and Missionary Society.

All of these reports were accepted as read, to be put on file in the records.

Officers
of the

The following officers were duly elected to serve for the ensuing year.
Moderator - Clarence R. Brown
Treasurer - Mr. Everett D. Landen
Auditor - Mr. William S. Spooner
Supt. of L.S. - Miss Eleanor Clark
Worship for 4 yrs. - Mr. Clarence Brown
Clerk - Gladys H. Campbell
One member for
Board of Trustees for 5 yrs. - Mr. Charles Wheeler.
Standing Comm. - Miss Ethel Spooner
Mr. Allen Keith
Mrs. Hester Sherman

Under new business the Clerk requested the Board of Trustees to take up with the Selectmen of the Town the possibility of placing our valuable record books in the Town Safe.

A suggestion was also made that

there is a possibility, that if it is not feasible to keep the records at the Town Hall - they might be taken care of by a Historical Society which of course is concerned with the preservation of valuable records.

The meeting was adjourned.

The deacons and their wives had prepared a very bountiful supply of refreshments which everyone enjoyed at the close of this another annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Dec. 5, 1937.

The Standing Committee of the Church presented the following list of names as proposals for membership: William Fresh, Marjorie Kemp, Barbara Ann Phillips, George Benjamin Sherman and Harriet E. Tarbell.

Dec. 19, 1937.

The following persons were received into membership ^{by Profession of Faith,} at the regular Christmas service:

William Fresh, Marjorie Kemp, Barbara Ann Phillips, G. Benjamin Sherman and Harriet E. Tarbell.
William Fresh was baptized also.

Annual meeting - Dec 30, 1937

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church, Inc. was held Thursday evening, Dec. 30, 1937. Rev. Mathews led in a short devotional service with Mrs. Knowlton at the piano.

Roll Call

The business meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Clarence Brown. The Roll Call was given showing an attendance of 34 members with responses sent in from 15 others giving a total of 49 responses. The clerk read a list of 15 members who had been placed on the retired list because they had not responded or shown any interest for several years.

The clerk's report was read and accepted.

The report of membership was as follows:

Membership	Jan. 2, 1937			
Male	33	Female	68	Total 101
Admissions	" + 2	" + 3		+ 5
	35	71		106
Dismissed by letter		- 1		- 1
		70		105
Retired list	- 5	- 10		- 15
Male	30	Female	60	Total 90

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted as follows:

Receipts:

Balance Jan. 1, 1937		\$ 47.98
Pledges	\$ 704.90	
Loose Change Collections	128.87	
Benevolence	4.10	
Misc. Receipts (Envelopes)	2.15	
Organ Fund	175.00	
Insurance Dividends	24.25	
Pavement Repair	170.38	
Bequest of Julia T. Brown	200.00	
Investments	560.47	
		1981.12
		\$2029.10

Expenses:

Salary Minister	\$	191.63	
" Organist		112.50	
" Janitor		112.50	
Tax on Church Membership		15.75	
Mass. Cong. Conf.			
Benevolence		19.95	
Payment to Parish Treas.		157.95	
Interest Expense			
Notes #	25.74		
Collection	1.17	26.91	
Light and Power		7.83	
Organ Repairs		17.00	
" Note		375.00	
Parsonage Repair		171.38	
Insurance		130.32	
Misc. Expenses		38.78	\$1977.50
Balance Dec. 28, 1937			51.60
			\$2029.10

Summary
of
Receipts
from
Invested
Funds.

Summary of Receipts from Invested Funds.Bonds:

Armour Co. of Delaware	\$	40.00	
N.E. Power Assoc.		50.00	
St. Louis & Iron Mt. R. R.		40.00	
Illinois Power & Light		100.00	
Great Northern R. R.		27.50	
Winnipeg Electric		20.00	
Oregon Short Line R. R.		12.50	\$290.00

Stocks:

A. S. Steel Preferred	\$	16.25	
A. S. Steel Common		8.00	
Union Pacific R. R.		49.50	
Am. Tel. & Tel.		101.25	
Atchafalpa & Topeka & Santa Fe (Pref.)		7.50	
" " " " " (Comm.)		2.00	\$184.50

Bank Deposits:

Palmer Savings Bank	(\$1094.52)	\$16.41
Ware	" "	(1103.00) 16.54
Monson	" "	(270.85) 8.10

Warren Savings Bank	(\$ 354.95)	\$ 10.62
" " "		
N. S. Hubbard Fund	(500.00)	15.00
M. H. Corbin "	(186.82)	— —
Southbridge Savings Bank	(128.89)	1.92
E. Clark March Fund	(429.67)	6.44
Foster Fund	(429.67)	6.44
Julia Hubbard Fund	(300.00)	4.50
Total Receipts from Invested Funds 1937		\$ 85.97
		\$ 560.47*

Incomplete -- Does not include amounts collected by Treasurer of First Parish or Congregational Society prior assigning of income to First Congregational Church, Inc.
Everett D. Landen, Treas.

Auditor -

The Auditor Mr. William S. Spooner stated that he had checked over the Treasurer's records and had verified them with the bank, etc. and reported they had been signed as correct.

Pastor's
Report.

This year in the affairs of the church, seems, in some ways, just about like other years of recent date: - but there is always the change of personnel, in any organization; and we in this institution are not exempt from the rule. At the end of January, 1937, we received a call from Mr. Austin Hale of Boston, bringing a beautiful bouquet of flowers in memory of his mother, who would have been 100 on Jan. 29th, if she had lived. These were placed in church on the last Sunday of the month, at his request, & were a reminder to those who knew her, that though absent, she is still living. In April, the church, & the entire community were shocked, & saddened by the sudden passing of Ralph Brown, so well known to all of us who are here, & to many friends, in town, & in the surrounding villages. No one can explain, or understand, why one is taken, & another left - or how it is that a young man, in the midst of an active life, should be called away, when so many others, some in advanced years, are supposed to continue on in their usual way. We shall, however, comprehend it all, we may well believe, when the Lord has called Us, too, unto Himself, & the affairs

of this world become intelligible, to us all, as we re-consider them. In the words of the hymn, "And we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again". "Because I live, ye shall live also," is the promise on which, I am sure, we can all rely for our sustaining hope, while we are prosecuting our tasks in the present world.

Another good fellow-citizen, who finished his course a few weeks later, was Mr. Coolbroth, who was well known to many of us, who are meeting together tonight. He was among the first few people whom we met in coming to Brimfield for the first time, and we much enjoyed him, & his comments on political & social matters, and his ready wit & humor. He will be remembered for years to come, as an outstanding personality in the town, one with a character all his own. In July, Samuel Parker died after an illness of a few weeks, culminating a long period of painful infirmity, in which he had disclosed endless patience, & the most admirable fortitude. We often wonder how he could live down or live above, the injured state in which he found himself -- it called for a spirit that some of us think we never could show; but it was a lesson to us all, on the subject of courage in the face of hopeless odds, & I believe we are the richer for it. The news came today, of the death of Charles F. George, so long confined to his bed, with a disease which apparently could not be much alleviated. For him, the change of state will be an immense relief, we may be sure; for, he often expressed the wish to go, & one cannot wonder that he did, knowing that his chances of recovery were so very remote. For his own sake, we could not wish him to return; but so far as we are concerned, we shall miss his cheerful acceptance of his lot, & his clear, calm appraisal of the situation. Others whose bodies were brought here for burial or whose ashes were committed to the earth in their home town, were: - Miss Augusta Shuman of Worcester (July 30); Mrs. Mary Hubbard Jones, & her son Arthur (Aug. 14th) - and Mrs. Ladd, an aunt of Robert & J. Benjamin Shuman, buried in the old cemetery in Sturbridge (Aug. 15).

Materials, Equipment -
Passenger re-roofed.

Sale of seats from S. S. vestry and replacement with new chairs - Fidelis Class.
Renovating of the Sanctuary in the vestibule - F. S. L. S. Class.

Special Services, Speakers, etc.

June 6 - Orange Sunday

" 13 - Children's Day - Mr. Franklin Plimpton

" 20 - Baccalaureate

" 27 - St. John's Day - Masons from
Lay Spring Lodge - Monson

Sept. 5 - Young People's Services.

Mr. Blake House - Spfld. Y. M. C. C.

Aug. 1st Rev. Samuel Eaton, D. D.

April 11th Rev. Raymond Dudley of India

Oct. 17th L. R. Hutton of Agawam.

Nov. 7th Dr. Harold M. Ladd at
opening of Education Week.

Supt. of
the S. S.

During the past year the Sunday School has had an active membership of seventy-seven, including twelve teachers. Ten new members have joined us this year.

It is encouraging to see the list of attendance pins awarded this past year:

11 bronze pins.

11 gun metal pins.

9 silver pins.

43 gold pins.

1 wreath and 16 wreaths to be awarded the first of January.

Special services were held at Easter time, on Children's Day, Rally Day and on Christmas Day in charge of Mrs. Edgar Brown.

Socials have been several and well attended.

It is hoped that with the enthusiasm shown by the attendance at the Christmas party the Sunday School may have a more successful & beneficial year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor H. Clark.

Report of
Sect. & Treas.

Cash on Hand 1/1/37	-	\$ 25.11
Collections		158.40
Birthday bank		13.53
Mrs. Bay's donation		5.00
Mrs. J. Newton, another donation		1.00
Total receipts		\$ 203.04
Amount paid for supplies		186.68
Balance		\$ 16.36

Average Attendance

1 st Quarter	66.5%	Average Att. 62.4%
2 nd "	65.1%	
3 rd "	58.4%	
4 th "	59.4%	

Average Collection

1 st Quarter	\$ 3.39	Average for Yr. \$ 3.23
2 nd "	3.20	
3 rd "	3.05	
4 th "	3.23	

Average Expense per quarter \$ 46.67

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Wood.

Fidelis
Class.

We consider we have had a very successful year having given food sales, suppers, card parties, etc., which have brought us in a good sum! From our sunshine boxes alone we took in \$ 33.87. In the past year we have earned \$ 161.14. This does not include sale of settees. We wish to thank all for cooperating with us to make this possible. We have presented to church toward Organ fund \$ 100 and \$ 25 toward repairs on parsonage.

Mrs. J. Walter Brown, Pres.

B. L. S.
Class.

The B. L. S. Class of the Brimfield Congregational Church has completed its second year successfully.

At the annual meeting of the class held in March the following officers were elected:

Pres. - Kathryn Adams
 Vice Pres. - Helen Thompson
 Sec. & Treas. - Ruth Clough.

Several projects have been undertaken by this class to earn money such as: -
 The Table - Bridge & Winter Party held in April,
 a supper for the associates of Mr. Roe Clark
 in June; several food sales and the sale of
 personal labels and Christmas wreaths.

The class contributed \$25.00 toward the
 expense of the Bessie Rogers roofing and has in-
 stalled a chemical lavatory; making the
 room larger and painting the walls.

The Y. B. L. S. class wish to thank all
 who have contributed so generously in its
 undertakings and hope to be of more service
 throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ruth M. Clough, Sec.

Board of
 Trustees.

Mr. Roe Clark, the chairman of the
 Board of Trustees, stated that they had met
 regularly and that most of their work had
 been covered in the Treasurer's & Pastor's
 report so that there was no need for duplication.

C. E. Meeting.

Last December we elected as our
 officers for the past year.

President - Allen Keith
 Vice Pres. - Grace Sherman
 Sec. - Barbara Ladd
 Treas. - Harriet Tarbell

Harriet was unable to carry on the
 work during the summer and was
 replaced by Grace Sherman.

We turned all the money in our
 treasury over to the organ fund in June.

The Society didn't hold regular
 meetings through the summer and early
 fall. We reorganized in the fall.

On July 12th the C. E. went to

Babb's to attend the annual roller-skating party of the Eastern Hampden C. E. Union which is held there every year.

On November 3, Mr. & Mrs. Mathews, Allen Keith, Marjorie Kemp and Barbara Ladd, represented the society at an officers meeting held in Palmer, of neighboring societies.

We gave a food sale December 11, in order to raise money for the annual pledge for the State C. E. We made \$5 at this sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Ladd, Sec.

Ladies'
Benevolent
Society.

As a number of our members were unable to assist, we have not earned as much as usual this year.

We have given twenty five dollars towards the organ fund and have helped by serving a dinner to those cleaning the Church grounds last spring.

Since the business year of our Society ended in November, a food sale given December 3rd, which was quite successful, will be included in our next annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Baxter Brown, Sec.

Worship
Misc.

Sent to Mass. Cong'l. Conference and
Missionary Society - Boston, Mass.

Special offering for mission for
the First Church, Brimfield -

Marion H. Robinson.

These reports were accepted as read to be placed on file in the Clerk's records.

The following officers were duly elected to serve the regular term of office.

Moderator - Clarence B. Brown
 Clerk - Gladys H. Campbell
 Treasurer - Everett R. Landon
 Auditor - William S. Spooner
 * Inst. of S. - Allen Keith
 Chairman of Bd of Trustees for 5 yrs.
 Mr. Frank Sifford
 (One deacon for 4 years)
 Mr. Wallace T. Moore.
 Standing Committee (electives)
 1. Allen Keith
 2. Ethel Spooner
 3. Hester Sherman.

* Because of the fact that there is a duplication of election, in the office of Supt. of S. S., that is, the Church votes to elect and the S. S. does so also, it was voted to accept the election which the S. S. decided this year, as also the choice of the Church, with the understanding that by amending our by-laws we eliminate this difficulty in the future.

Under new business the following Amendment to Art. IV, Sect. 2 was passed

Amendment
 to
 Article IV
 Sect. 2

The Standing Committee of the Church shall be authorized to act for the Church, by meeting with the nominating committee of the S. S. when they meet to nominate the Supt. of the S. S. The purpose of this, being to have both the Church and the S. S. have a voice in the selection of its Superintendent.

As there was no further business, as a special feature, Mr. Mathews requested two of our members who are away at College to tell us about their respective colleges. Elaine Phillips from Nassau College in Springdale, Me. and Eleanor Brown from Simmons College (Boston) gave very interesting talks.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A general social time followed and we enjoyed refreshments served by a committee of ladies, with Mrs. J. Walter Brown acting as chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

Feb. 6, 1938

At the regular morning service, Rev. Mathews read a letter from the Pastor of The Reformed Church, Herkimer, New York, requesting a letter of dismissal from our church to that one, for Mrs. Jean Cress Pasler. It was voted to send such a letter for her at once. Such a letter was sent Feb. 7th, 1938.

May 4, 1938

The Hampden County Assoc. of Cong. Churches spring meeting was held on May 4, 1938 at Wilbraham, Mass. Rev. and Mrs. Mathews and Mr. V. F. Moore attended and heard, among others, Rev. Frank Carey from Japan.

June 6, 1938

June 26th 1938 was observed as Alumni Sunday for the Hitchcock Free Academy. Mrs. Forrester MacDonald a noted author and lecturer, of Sturbridge was the speaker. Music was furnished by an alumni choir under the direction of Gladys H. Campbell, organist.

Aug. 28, 1938

At a regular service the Standing Committee of the Church presented the names of Mrs. Hugh Smith by letter and Miss Carol Smith by confession of faith, for church membership. Voted to receive them into membership.

Sept. 4, 1938

Mrs. Hugh Smith and Miss Carol Smith were received into church membership by Rev. Mathews.

Sept 21, 1938

Hurricane

On Wednesday Sept. 21, 1938 we were visited by a fast and furious hurricane, which left such devastation in its trail that it is terrible to relate. Our little New England villages which have always stood for beautiful steeped churches on some slightly hill and surrounded by many beautiful trees, were sadly wrecked. Trimfield was one of these towns so wrecked. By referring to history we learn that in the year 1815 our town was visited by a hurricane which did considerable damage and where people had to seek shelter in their cellars. We were greatly disheartened when we beheld our own church, with its tall, graceful spire in a heap of splintered wood, west of the church and the roof torn off almost completely! At first, we hardly dared enter the building - and when we did we were overjoyed to learn that our organ was not injured and the bell rested, upside down but uncracked, in a mass of plaster and wood in the southwest corner of the auditorium. Such a task loomed before us! yet we knew that we were fortunate for we did have a good foundation and four strong walls upon which to begin.

Mr. Morrison, who designed and installed our organ in 1930 came out to us as soon as he learned of our loss - and advised us to remove the organ for storage as the damage would about ruin our beautiful instrument. After due consideration by the Trustees his advice was heeded and he was

authorized to remove it and it was stored in Mr. Roe Clark's barn until such time as the auditorium would be ready to receive it. This was done on September 27th.



BEFORE THE STORM



AFTER THE WIND

Brimfield—In the year 1815 the town of Brimfield was visited by a furious windstorm which did considerable damage throughout the town. Many citizens sought refuge in their cellars. Now in 1938, along with many other towns and cities Brimfield has suffered a great loss from both wind and flood.

Everyone suffered in a greater or lesser degree, but one of the greatest losses to the community as a whole was the damage to the church on the hill, an old landmark which had stood against the elements for nearly 100 years. The old Brimfield Church building has caused favorable comment for generations, as its style of architecture ranked it as among the best of its period. Its general setting and hilltop location have made it a perfect example of the historic church of early New England.

The above pictures show the church both before and after the storm. The problem of rehabilitation of this structure is a major one, and requires much self-sacrifice on the part of Brimfield residents. Undaunted by the size of their job, however, a committee consisting of the trustees and a

group of citizens is hard at work to raise funds and rebuild substantially, using the same design and construction as before. The committee is receiving splendid cooperation. An appeal is being made by letter to residents of Brimfield and many friends of the community elsewhere to exhibit the pioneering spirit of the forefathers which first made the church possible and restore to its original grace and beauty, this famous landmark, much admired by travelers passing through this town as well as by visitors and the townspeople as a whole.

On the church hill has been placed an imitation thermometer to register subscriptions to the rebuilding fund as they are received. The committee are confident that before long the repairs to the church will be completed and it will appear as for the past century, carrying forward the traditions of the early days of Brimfield.

Everett Landen is treasurer of the fund raising campaign and will be pleased to receive donations from any friends who may not be solicited by letter.

The Trustees called the church members and friends to a meeting at the Grange Hall, Sunday October 2, 1938. At this meeting opinions were freely discussed as to what was best to do about our church. It was decided to try to restore the building if possible but especially to replace the roof as soon as possible. Such work was done by Mr. Edward Fenton!

Sept. 26, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs.

Wallace Moore's

50th Anniversary.

Deacon and Mrs. Wallace P. Moore celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Members and friends called at their home. The hurricane upset their plans but later these plans materialized.

Oct. 19, 1938.

The fall meeting of the Hampden County Association of Churches and Ministers was held on October 19th at East Church, Springfield. Mr. Clarence Brown and Mr. Bert Campbell attended along with Rev. and Mrs. Matthews. Mr. Brown presented the matter of our church's loss to the association and requested the association for a grant or a loan to aid us in rebuilding.

Oct. 21, 1938.

At a special meeting of the First Congregational Church held in the Town Hall on Friday, October 21, 1938 at 7:45 P. M., the following events transpired. In the absence of Mr. Clarence Brown, Moderator, Mr. Roe S. Clark as Chairman of the Board of Trustees opened the meeting. On a voice vote put by Mr. Clark, he was elected to serve as Moderator for the Special Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Matthews. Mr. Clark appointed Everett D. Landon to act as Clerk of the Meeting.

Voted: On motion of Mr. Landon
That the Church shall and by this vote does
authorize the Treasurer with the approval
of the Trustees to borrow such a sum or sums
of money as may be necessary to finance
the re-construction work on the Church
Building.

Remarks were made by Mr. Clark and
Mr. Landon relative to the campaign to
secure contributions for the re-construction
work.

Voted: To adjourn.

Respectfully,

Everett L. Landon

Clerk - Bro. Landon

Copy of letter sent out by
the Trustees to Members
and Friends of the Church

The recent hurricane and flood, resulting in so great a loss to our town, affected everyone to some degree--no one being entirely exempt.

Now, we all are faced with the problem of rehabilitation, individually, and as a group.

Couldn't we exhibit as fine a pioneering spirit of cooperation as our forefathers exhibited in the early days, and, collectively, restore to its original condition and design a famous landmark much admired by travelers passing through, by our visitors, and by our townspeople as a whole,

"OUR CHURCH ON THE HILL?"

To rebuild it to its original design and beauty is a major job, not for a few, but for everyone to participate in.

LET'S BE BUILDERS

by pledging as much as possible--payable at once, or over a period of three years.

When the work of reconstruction is completed, don't you want to be numbered among those who can justly feel proud of his or her part in the work of this group of "Builders?"

As a Builder for Good.....

I.....pledge

the sum of \$.....payable

1/3 - 1938

1/3 - 1939

1/3 - 1940

Cash

Received.....19..

from.....

() Check
Sum of \$.....() Cash

Thank You.

BRIMFIELD CHURCH

By.....

(Make checks payable to Everett Landon, Treas.)

Voted: To grant such a letter to Dr. Spooner. This letter was sent October 27th, 1938.

Annual Meeting

Dec. 31, 1938.

The Annual meeting and Roll Call of the First Cong. Church, Inc. was held Saturday evening December 31, 1938 at eight o'clock. A brief devotional service was conducted by Rev. Thurlough Mathews.

The moderator, Mr. Clarence B. Brown called the meeting to order. The Roll Call of members was given as follows:-

Membership - December 30, 1937.			
Male	30	Female	60
		- Total	90
Admission by letter and Conf.	30	+ 2	+ 2
		62	92
		- 2	- 3
Removed by death			
" by letter - 1			
Male	29	Female	60
		Total.	89

Twenty-seven responded to the roll-call with twelve sent responses.

The Clerk's report was accepted as read to be placed on file.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

Bal. Jan. 1, 1938		\$ 51.60
Pledges (as of 12/28/38)	\$ 738.95	
Loose Change	142.67	
Miss.	3.10	
Investment Income	691.75	
Organ Fund	58.13	
Interest	1.00	
Church Re-construction	1890.73	

Loan (Palmer National Bank)	#		#
a/c Church Re-construction	1000.00		4525.63
			<u># 4577.23</u>

Expenses:

Salary - Minister	#	999.96
" Organist		150.00
" Janitor		150.00
Organ Note		58.13
Interest & Collection Expense		17.86
Light & Power		8.85
Repairs		18.60
General Expense		189.38
Insurance		96.42
Church Re-construction	2755.60	# 4444.80

Balance Dec. 28, 1938

	132.43
<u>#</u>	<u>4577.23</u>

To the Bd. of Trustees

First Cong. Church of Brimfield, Inc.

Although 1938 proved quite distressing in a great many ways, we were fortunate in finishing the year in fair financial condition. Receipts from Pledges show an increase of approximately \$30.00 over 1937. Likewise Loose Change collections show a slight rise, roughly 1%. These increases were made despite the fewer Church Services held because of the great storm of the past September. Income from invested funds remained about the same as in 1937.

We are finishing the year with all one payment in arrears, but you will note that the several persons actually received the amount stipulated as their yearly salaries. This was caused by the fact that one payment was carried over from 1937.

We are carrying approximately \$220. over in unpaid bills. These include: Insurance \$128.00; Taxes \$79.40 and Membership Tax \$13.50.

The note at the Palmer National Bank

obtained some years ago for operating expenses remains unchanged, namely \$200.00 also the note for repairs to the parsonage roof obtained in 1937 likewise remains unchanged - \$152.62.

In order to start re-construction to the Church building immediately after the storm of Sept 1938, it was necessary to obtain a loan of \$1000.00. This was granted by the Palmer National Bank at the rate of 4%.

A very extensive and well supported campaign to raise funds to carry on the re-construction was started in October. To date actual pledges amounting to \$2851.70 have been received and \$1890.03. The Secretary of the H. F. A. Alumni Association informs me that contributions are coming in nicely and these together with other un-official pledges tend to show that at the present time approximately \$4000.00 may be counted. It is hoped that this meeting will go on record in appreciation of the splendid co-operation given by this Association.

During the year, the Organ note was paid in full, thus taking this obligation from our records.

Very considerable and greatly appreciated financial assistance has been given the Church during the past year, by the Ladies Benevolent Society, The Fidelis Club, The B. L. L. Club, The Brimfield Grange, The Grange Auxiliary, Charles W. Street Post-American Legion, Brimfield Volunteer Fire Department and both Resident and non-resident persons too numerous to mention separately.

In order to properly increase the complete operations of the Church, during 1939, a budget of \$2400.00 should be provided. This amount will adequately take care of out-standing obligations carried over from 1938 as well as provide necessary funds to carry on the general business.

Respectfully,

Ernest R. Lander, Treas.

Auditor's
Report.

The Auditor Mr. William S. Spooner reported that he had examined the books and found them in order. Mr. Spooner elaborated a bit to explain Mr. Landen's report, namely, that a new law soon to be passed will exempt the parsonage from taxes. In the future this will be a great saving. This report accepted to be placed on file.

Pastor's
Report.

This year, we have seen the close of the life work of several old residents of Brimfield, and of a small number of others, associated with the town, and church, whose names are well known to us all. The latter part of January, Clifford Shaw was taken suddenly, after an operation; and survived only a brief period, - two or three days. Mr. Shaw was a resident of the town, whom we all knew, and appreciated; his loss is keenly felt by everyone. Mrs. Ella Foskett of Worcester, in advanced years, was called away, and was brought to Brimfield for burial, according to her own wish. Others whose names and careers were familiar to most of you, were Mr. Edward Morgan of Little Rest Road; Bert Cowee, long associated with the town; Elmer D. Broadway, George Webster; Mr. Stegner; Mr. Elder, quite recently; Mr. Boardman of Waterbury, brother-in-law of Miss Lydia Hitchcock; and Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Ellen Lawrence. Mrs. Carpenter came here from Wales with her son, Alongo Carpenter, some three or four years ago, and was more than 180 years of age; Mrs. Lawrence was wife of Edward Lawrence, of Springfield; these just mentioned were not members of this church, but were so closely connected with members; or were permanent residents here, and in the thro's of so many of us that it seems fitting to refer to them now. Among church members, we have lost with unexpected suddenness, Mrs. Jessie F. Brown and Therese Carroll. Mrs. Brown has been a member of the church for more than 30 years, and was one to whom we

could go at any time, for wise counsel, and help, in anything relating to the church. We miss her gracious presence, and willing spirit of cooperation, but we realize that the loss is ours, not hers, since it is in the nature of promotion from one sphere of usefulness, to another, vastly more satisfying, than anything we can know in this world. Miss Carroll was called away almost without warning, in Oct.; and we cannot, in our limited understanding of events, see why it has happened. We do know, however, that "all things work together for good to those who love God," not only us, who are still on the earth; but especially, to the ones whom the Lord honors, by inviting them to come to Him. The good lives they have lived continue to have their benign influence upon us, and we thank God, and take courage, as we think of them, and their active, beneficent deeds. May we stand for a moment, in silent tribute, to all these friends who have preceded us, into the world to come?

II. Young People's and Sunday School Work.

The C. E. Society has met for regular meetings in the spring and autumn, and has attended a number of special gatherings, out of town, -- such as the Eastern Hampden C. E. get-togethers, at Wilbraham, & Hampden; and then, at home, the Eastern Hampden social at our church, on Valentine's Day. Along with these, we should mention the Hampden County Officers' meeting, on October 16th, when a model session was put on, by the visitors. The Springfield young people are taking a great deal of interest in our C. E., and are planning to give an entertainment next month, for the benefit of the church repair fund, to which we shall all be invited, at perhaps \$.25 apiece. The S. S., I will not attempt to report in any detail, since we have the regular report of the Sept. and Sec'y. and Treas.; but wish to speak of the retirement of Mrs. F. Edgar Brown from the Primary Department, of which she has been the very efficient Superintendent, for a long time. She was re-nominated for the position, but declined the office, feeling that she had already done her share, and that it should be passed on to someone else. We have been most fortunate in having one for this important position, who always worked so intelligently, and whole-heartedly; and was a never-failing source of strength to

the entire school. Her absence from the school will be felt deeply by all of us who have worked with her, and we congratulate ourselves that we have had the benefit of her service up to this time.

III

Special Services & Guest Speakers

The first of these, this season, was the Grange Sunday evening meeting, on April 3rd, with Chas. M. Gardner, guest speaker; and "enough said," for we have all heard him deliver an address, and know how entertaining he is. Then in June, came the Hitchcock Free Academy Alumni Sunday, with Mrs. Forrester MacDonald of Sturbridge, as speaker. This was one of the most interesting Sundays we had during the year, -- good attendance and an excellent address, to which it was easy to listen. The last special preacher was Mr. Reginald Stevens Kimball, Supt. of Schools, who came for the morning service on November 6th, the beginning of American Education Week, and gave a very interesting address on an educational topic. These out of town speakers have been much appreciated by all of us who heard them, and that includes nearly everyone in the vicinity.

IV

The Hurricane. We do not write this up, but may talk it over, ad libitum, as time permits.

V

Statistics, Attendance, etc.

The study of statistics is a weariness to the flesh, but a little of it is necessary. On the subject of church attendance, may I report an average of 35 at Sunday morning worship, as compared with 36, in the year 1937. (If we could find out who the one is, who has dropped out this year, well -- -- !) The C. C. shows an average of 9 at the meetings; we have made 40 calls, and have enjoyed our visits in your homes; now, we shall be delighted if you will return the compliment, and call on us, socially, even if you do not have any special business on mind that you come to talk about. Our latch string is out, and we shall be charmed to see you at the Parsonage, at any time. Sincerely

worry over the subject of weddings, in this report; and this year, the number has been just about the average; the slight improvement in the financial condition of the country is reflected in the nuptials of the past two years. We hope none of the young people will decide to live a life of solitude, in single blessedness, while so many charming creatures of the other sex are still unattached. In connection with the weddings, we should not omit the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mrs. and Mrs. Wallace P. Moore, who kept open house on September 25th. We congratulate them on their long life together, and wish them many more years of happiness and prosperity.

VI

Outside Activities

This refers mainly to meetings of the County Assoc. of Churches, and special meetings, in our territory. We have been represented at the Religious Education Institute in Palmer; the C. E. Convention at Camp Rose; and the Hampden Co. Council of Cong. Women in Springfield, all in April: - at the Hampden Association meeting in Wilbraham, and the ordination of Henry E. Paul at Hampden, in May: - at the installation of Dr. E. W. Cross in Springfield, in June; and at the Hampden Assoc. meeting at East Church, Springfield, in October. Mrs. Matthews and I have attended several meetings of the County C. E. Officers, -- in Springfield and Ludlow; and on Sunday the 15th of Nov., we went with three of the officers, to take part in distributing gifts to underprivileged children, in some of the homes in the city. We feel that all this kind of work is very gratifying to us who can have a share in it, and we hope and pray that our work in our own church, and all the other work of our Association may go on increasing in activity, and with the blessing of God upon it.

Burleigh V. Matthews.

Sunday
School
Report

Supt. of Sunday School, Mr. Allen Keith gave an encouraging report from the S. S. work for the year. The Cross and Crown System of awards is functioning splendidly. This report was

not given to your clerk in writing hence this brief report.

Sect'y. Treas.

Report for
S.S.

Am't. on Hand Jan. 1 st	\$ 16.36
Offerings Rec'd. 1 st Quarter	42.85
" " 2 nd "	44.08
" " 3 rd "	29.88
" " 4 th "	27.82
Birthday Bank	2.15
Little Wanderer's	6.75
Other sources	3.00
Missions	18.39
	<u>\$ 191.28</u>

Expenses

First Quarter Supplies	\$ 61.04
Foreign Missions	3.00
Second Quarter Supplies	36.84
Third " "	51.94
Fourth " "	37.31
Home Missions	6.75
	<u>\$ 196.88</u>

Unpaid balance. - \$ 5.60

Attendance -

Average 1st Quarter 65 2nd Quarter 68
3rd " 62 4th " 58

Average attendance for year = 63.

Ladies
Benevolent
Society.

We have contributed to the Church \$25, for a gift, \$25, for the organ fund and \$50 towards repairs of the Church and have given \$5 to the Red Cross.

During the year, we have served a dinner for the South Worcester Welfare Assoc. held two silver teas and sales of food and fancy articles and an apple pie sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Clara Baxter Brown
Sec'y.

Fidelis
Class
Report.

Activities during 1938

January: "Sunshine" boxes opened at a meeting held at Mrs. Ladd's.

Feb. Voted the sum of \$2.00 to the re-binding of the Sunday School Bible.

March At the annual Town Meeting the class served the dinner at noon. Business meeting held with Bertha Brown, at which time the nominating committee was appointed in preparation for the annual meeting in April.

April Meeting with Mrs. Clark. Decided at this time to have a chairman for each meeting instead of a permanent president. Voted: to buy new dishes before May 15th.

May Meeting held with Mrs. Phillips. Served a supper to the Kiwanis Club of Springfield.

May 18th About 200 came.

June Annual Flag day supper served

July No particular happening

Aug. Our annual picnic at Forest Park in Springfield. Very enjoyable & successful event. Supper and Whist held at Clark's on the 16th.

Sept. No particular event. Meeting held at Bertha Brown's.

Oct. Class served lunch at Town Hall to those attending the turkey meet on Oct. 12th. A very interesting & successful project. Held a whole-day sewing meeting with Gladys Whitten on Oct. 5th. On Nov. Oct. 24th they voted of the class a gift of \$2.00 towards the church fund.

Nov. Meeting held at Mr. Hicks. Voted: that we hold our turkey supper aft. Christmas instead of before this year.

Dec. Met with Mrs. Ladd. No special work. All over, a most interesting and profitable year.

Respectfully submitted

Agnes R. Hicks, Sec'y.

Above report read by Mrs. Elders.

B. L. S.
Class
Report

See

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139 of record same and make reference hereto such a page.

The B. L. S. class read a report of progress and of their meetings, projects, contributions etc. This report was not handed to your clerk until later and has been misplaced. When and if such report is found, your clerk will record same and make reference hereto such a page.

Officers.

At this time the following officers were duly elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

Moderator - Mr. Clarence B. Brown

Clerk - Miss Gladys H. Campbell

Treasurer - Mr. Everett D. Landers

Auditor - Mr. William L. Spooner

Syst. of S. S. - Mr. Allen Keith

1 Member of Board of Trustees for 5 years.

Mr. William D. Spooner.

1 Deacon for 4 years

Mr. Frederick Bissell

Standing Committee electives

1. Mr. Allen Keith

2. Miss Ethel Spooner

3. Mrs. Hester Sherman

Miss Marie Maddocks gave a very interesting talk on her work in capacity of teacher with the young people of Whitinsville, Massachusetts. We were grateful to Miss Maddocks for enlightening us about a city so nearby and yet of which we knew so little.

Voted

To distribute the loose collections as in the previous year.

Voted

Moved unanimously that the Clerk be instructed to send letters of appreciation to all organizations who have given

so generously to our Church during our recent emergency caused by the hurricane of September 1938. Such letters were duly sent by your Clerk.

Moved to adjourn this meeting.

A social time followed the business meeting and refreshments were served under the direction of the B. S. S. Class. Contributions were given to defray expense for same.

Respectfully submitted

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

Mar. 26, 1939.

At the regular meeting of the First Cong. Church, Rev. B. V. Mathews read letters of recommendation for membership for the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Peirce from Faith Congregational Church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Isabella M. Blair	} Second Congl. Church of Griswold Jewett City, Conn.
Mr. James H. Blair	
Mrs. Alice Blair Matheson	
Mrs. Bertha Brown	

was voted to be considered to have a similar letter from the former Advent Church of Wrentham, Mass.

The Standing Committee also submitted the following names for baptism and church membership on profession of faith.

Virginia Hilda Dickinson
Jahon Junior Keith.

Apr. 2, 1939

Voted to receive into our membership the persons whose names were presented on March 26, 1939.

Resignation
of Rev.
B.V. Mathews.

To the First Congregational Church
Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Friends: -

For some years past, Mrs. Mathews and I have had in mind plans for moving to the west, and doing Christian work, in that section of the country; and the opportunity having come to enter upon such work, we are led, Providentially, we believe, to sever our official connection with you. I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as your minister, to take effect from the first of June, or such time as may be arranged, in conference with the Standing Committee, and the Church. In taking this step, we wish to express to the Church people, and individuals our sincere appreciation for all the courtesy and kindness that have been shown us, at all times; and to thank you for your cooperation and support, in all that we have tried to do. We have much enjoyed our association with you, and in now dissolving this relationship, we thank the Lord for His goodness, and commend you to Him, Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy.

Fraternally yours,

Burleigh V. Mathews

April 2, 1939.

April 9, 1939
(Easter)

The persons whose names were presented on March 26, 1939 were duly received into our Church membership, by Rev. Burleigh V. Mathews. Miss Virginia Dickinson and Jason Junior Keith were baptized.

April 23, 1939

Upon the call of the Standing Committee a special meeting of the Church was called to be held at the close of the morning service on April 30, 1939, to consider the resignation of Rev. B. V. Mathews.

A letter from Rev. John B. Lewis of Union Church in Springfield, was read, requesting a letter of dismissal for Mrs. Ethel B. Elder. Voted to grant such a letter and authorize clerk to send same.

April 30, 1939.

At the close of the regular service of worship a special meeting of the Church was held with Moderator C. B. Brown presiding. The call for the meeting was read by the Clerk.

Voted: To accept with deep regret the resignation of our pastor, Rev. Burleigh V. Mathews. That the Clerk be instructed to write a fitting letter of acceptance to Mr. Mathews.

Voted: That a committee be appointed to draw up resolutions to be sent to Rev. Mathews and spread upon the records of the church.

The following committee was appointed by the chairman to draw up such resolutions.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

Mrs. Freda Stegner

Mr. Everett Landon

Voted: That this same committee also be empowered to draw up a set of resolutions upon the death of Deacon Wallace T. Moore, to send to the family and spread upon the records of the Church.

At this time nominations were in order for someone to fill the

unexpired term of Deacon Hallam?
Moore.

Mr. Lander acted as teller.

Mr. B. E. Campbell and Mr. Ross Clark were nominated the former receiving nine votes, the latter 6.

Mr. B. E. Campbell was declared deacon.

Voted: - That the Standing Committee act in behalf of the Church as a pulpit supply committee and make arrangements for the services until such time as they have recommendations for a permanent pastor. In other words we are open to receive candidates.

Mr. Brown spoke of having a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Mathews.

Voted that the Standing Committee act with the Fidelis Class in arranging such an affair. A suggestion was made of members to collect funds for a suitable purse for presentation.

Mrs. Knowlton and Miss Campbell were named as a committee to arrange a musical program for the reception.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys H. Campbell

Copy of
letter sent
to Rev. Mathews.

Rev. Burleigh V. Mathews

Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Mathews: -

At the meeting of the church held on Sunday morning it was voted to accept with regret your resignation, as requested on April 2nd.

We wish, at this time, to express to you and Mrs. Mathews our deep appreciation for your years of untiring effort in the church and community. Your friendliness and helpfulness at all times has been such

a comfort. You have helped us so successfully through the trying and destructive hurricane and the period of reconstruction which followed that your patience and fortitude will not soon be forgotten.

We trust that God may safely guide and protect you in your travels across the continent and that your Christian work in the west may be pleasant and blessed. We commend you to God's care.

Very sincerely,
Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

May 1, 1939.

This letter was read by the committee appointed to draw up resolutions, and all were agreed that it expressed the sentiment required and was therefore sufficient.

Copy of
Resolutions
sent to
Mrs. Wallace
Moore.

Whereas, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to Himself, one who for the past fifteen or more years has been most actively associated with our Church, be it

Resolved, that we, the First Congregational Church, Inc. of Brimfield Mass. express to Mrs. Moore and family our sincere sympathy for their loss, be it further,

Resolved, that we thank God for his truly Christian life and that we express our appreciation of his loving and faithful service to our Church by sending these resolutions to his family and by spreading them upon the records of the Church.

Gladys H. Campbell } Committee
 Freda B. Stegner } on
 Everett D. Landen } Resolutions

Notice of
 Church Meeting

The following notice was given at the regular meeting on Sunday morning July 25, 1939 and read by Rev. A. H. Wheelock of Auburn:

There will be a special meeting of the Church at the close of the regular Sunday service on July 2, 1939 for the following purposes:

1. To elect a third person to the standing committee to serve in place of Allen Kirt, as an elective member, since he is already a member "ex officio" by being the Supt. of the Sunday School.

2. To consider the advisability of appointing additional members or alternates to act with the standing committee in the matter of securing supplies and ultimately candidates for permanent pastor. The purpose of this being to provide more possibilities of getting around to having somebody diddled preach in their respective churches.

3. To transact any other business which would properly be taken up in these matters.

The standing committee,
 Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

B. L. S.
 Class Report
 given at
 annual meeting.
 (replaced.)
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Treasurer Report of B. L. S. Class

Cash on hand March 10, 1938 - \$ 7.82
 " in bank - 102.00
 Collected from food sales &
 dues - also Alumni refreshments
 about \$100.00

Donated to the Church Building Fund \$50.00 and gave Church a hymnal board.

Cash on hand Dec. 8, 1938 \$ 24.35

" in Bank 10 2.00

Respectfully submitted
Gertrude Hitchcock, Treas.

Annual
Report which

was omitted

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The B. L. S. Class has had a busy and very pleasant year. We have added many new members and have had to lose some of our old ones but we still have about 30 members.

April 24th we set aside as B. L. S. Sunday and as many members as found it possible attended Church and Sunday School. We wonder if people noticed an increase in attendance!

Our May 12th meeting was held in the form of a Mother-Daughter meeting, members bringing their daughters or Mothers, or both. The visitors furnished a program and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

On June 24th, the class served refreshments at the Academy, to the Alumni Association from which we realized about \$20.

During July and August we held two food sales. Also during July we had our annual picnic at Little Alum Pond. It rained us out and we finished our meeting at Mrs. Landen's.

On October 13th we had our meeting in the form of a Halloween Party at the Colonial Coffee House in Palmer. Miss Brainard and Ann Dewey certainly showed us a good time and it was with regret that we left to go.

We had our Christmas party on Dec. 8th at Irene Wrights. During this past

month we also made Christmas wreaths. We shall probably clear about \$20.

We are in hopes to present the Hi. Boys and their Radio Ranger at the Town Hall sometime in January. The proceeds will go toward the Church Building Fund, to which we have ~~already~~ contributed \$50. We hope bear this in mind.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Wescon

Sept. 17, 1939.

The following notice for a church meeting was read at the regular morning service.

Trimfield, Mass.

Sept. 16, 1939.

A special meeting of the First Congregational Church will be held in the Church Auditorium immediately after the morning service on Sunday, September 24, 1939 to act on the following:

Article I. To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Trustees to proceed with such alterations to the Parsonage as may be necessary to convert the building into two tenements.

Article II. To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Trustees to borrow such a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to complete the alterations to the Parsonage stated in Article one; to sign a note or notes for and in the name of the Church for the above mentioned purpose; to offer for collateral such securities held by the Church as may be necessary to secure the loan; and to renew-

such a note or notes from time to time as may be required.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk
per order of the Trustees.

Sept. 24, 1939

The church was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. C. B. Brown at the close of the regular morning service. The clerk read the call of the meeting which stated clearly the purpose. After considerable discussion pro and con the church voted to convert the parsonage into a two tenement house. Many members did not favor our asking our minister to share his home with another family. The question of building a new parsonage on the site of the horse-sheds was commented upon. The Trustees felt that by converting the parsonage into two tenements it would facilitate its sale at a later date and thus would be a means to an end, or otherwise later, a new parsonage might be built. Therefore the following motion was made and carried:

Moved: To authorize the Trustees to proceed with such alterations to the parsonage as may be necessary to convert the building into two tenements.

Moved: To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Trustees to borrow such a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to complete the alterations to the parsonage as state in the foregoing motion; to sign a note or notes for and in

the name of the Church for the above mentioned purpose, to offer for collateral such securities held by the Church as may be necessary to secure the loan; and to renew such a note or notes from time to time as may be required.

Moved to adjourn.

July 2, 1939
(insert)

Your Clerk was absent at this meeting held at the close of the regular service but since no one was appointed to keep the minutes - I will record the verbal report given later of said meeting.

Voted To appoint Mrs. Mabel Pure as a member of the Standing Committee to replace Mr. Allen Keith, as the elective member, for he automatically was a member by virtue of his office as Supr. of the Sunday School.

Voted That Mrs. Matheson and Gladys H. Campbell be added to the personnel of the Standing Committee to constitute a committee of pastoral supply until such time as a Pastor is chosen. These additional members to be dropped when service is complete.

Oct. 22, 1939.

Calling of
a Pastor

The Church was called together for a meeting at the close of the regular morning service. The notice of said meeting having been given the preceeding Sunday.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Clarence Brown. Allen Keith was appointed Clerk to act in the capacity of Miss Campbell, who was unavoidably absent.

The purpose of the meeting was stated as being the calling of a pastor and then given to open discussion. Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. was recommended by the Committee on Candidates. The opinion was first expressed that he was too young. Then reference was duly made to his unusual record and the recommendations of his teachers or those in position to know him. A letter from Mr. MacLeod to the Clerk was read by the Chairman.

Finances of the church were then discussed. It was estimated that the pledges would have to be increased approximately \$300 yearly. There would be an initial outlay of \$100 to assist Rev. Mr. MacLeod in moving.

It was then said that the fact that we did have a regular minister would cause a keener interest among the people, thus bringing their financial as well as moral support.

Benj. Sherman and Jun. or Keith were appointed tellers and matter as to whether or not to call Rev. Norman MacLeod was put to an informal vote.

In the meantime Mr. Charles Peirce spoke about a Mr. Hollington Smith, a soloist of note in New York City. Mr. Smith has offered to put on a concert here to raise money for our church. This was put as a proposal and voted on. A committee was appointed by Mr. Brown, consisting of Mr. Charles Peirce, Mr. Charles Deland and a third member to be named later.

Results of the informal ballot: Yes - 24
No - 3

It was then moved that this informal vote be read, unanimous to call Rev. Norman MacLeod to become our pastor. It was so voted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Allen Keith, Clerk, pro. tem.

Oct 29, 1939

Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. has accepted our call and he began his active ministry with us to-day. The parsonage is not ready for occupancy so they are remaining in West Hartford until such time as they can occupy the parsonage.

Dec. 3, 1939

At the close of the regular Sunday morning service, the church members met and the Trustees explained that in order for them to receive the loan from the Congregational Church Building Society of New York, it was necessary to obtain a deed to the land on which the church stands. Since, we do not have such a deed, there will be a special Town meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at which time we hope to be granted such a deed by the town. Voted: To urge our Church members who are eligible to vote to be present at this Town meeting and thus support our desire for a deed to our church property.

Dec. 12, 1939.

At the special Town meeting the following business of interest to our Church, was transacted: -

That for consideration of one dollar, the town sell and convey to the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Inc., all its right, title and interest in and to that certain tract of land with the church building thereon, situate in Brimfield, bounded and described as follows: Southerly by Main St. about 363 feet; westerly by the Warren Rd. about 477 feet; northerly by North Common Street about 325 feet; easterly by Common St. about 240 feet, together with the right to draw water for use at the church building from the town's water

Supply through pipes as now laid from said building to the town main so long as the town may have available therefor sufficient water over and above its own needs, at an annual rental of one dollar per year; excepting and reserving however, to the town, the right to use, for public parking purposes, any portion of said tract; also excepting and reserving to the town the right to enter upon the described premises for the purpose of improving visibility at the intersections of Main St. and the Warren Rd and Main St. and Common St. by grading and removing earth and trees; and that the Selectmen be & they are hereby authorized, in the name & behalf of the town, to execute, acknowledge and deliver a deed conveying to said Corporation, the town's right, title and interest in said premises.

Dec. 24, 1939.

A duly called meeting of the church members was held at the close of the regular service. In the absence of Mr. C. B. Brown, our moderator, Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. called the meeting to order and read the call of the meeting.

Upon the motion of Mr. Frank Gifford and seconded by Mr. Campbell, it was voted:

Authority to Trustees to mortgage the Church property for a loan not to exceed \$1700.00. And if said loan is approved by said Congregational Church Building Society, the Trustees are hereby authorized to take the proper steps legally to mortgage the property to the said Congregational Church Building Society; and to fix the amounts and dates required for the payment of the specified instalments upon said mortgage and the Church pledges itself to the prompt payment of the same.

Resolved: that the First Congregational Church of Brimfield request the Hampden County Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers to assist them in the examination for ordination of their duly called Pastor, Norman M. MacLeod, Jr. and, that being satisfactory, proceed with them to the service of

ordination and installation; and that the clerk of the church be hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Scribe of said Association. So moved and voted.
 Moved to adjourn

Dec. 31, 1939.

At a meeting of the Church Members at the close of the service, Sunday, December 31, 1939, it was voted to receive Dr. Frederic A. Charles into the church by letter from the church at Exeter, N. H.

It was also voted to grant the Pastor, Rev. Mr. MacLeod, Jr. authority to administer Communion at the regular morning service, Jan. 7, 1940.

Frank S. Gifford
 Clerk, Pro Tem

Dec. 24, 1940.

'The New Church Hymnals' edited by H. Augustine Smith and published by Appleton-Century Co. of New York, were used for the first time for the Christmas service. Many members and friends of the church have contributed memorial copies and the church surely does appreciate these gifts.

Annual Meeting
Jan. 5, 1940

The annual meeting and roll call of the First Congregational Church was held on Friday evening, January 5, 1940 at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. conducted a brief devotional meeting and then our moderator, Mr. Clarence Brown presided.

The Roll Call of members showed 30 members present and responses were given fourteen others. The membership is as follows:

Membership December 31, 1938			
	Male 29	Female 60	Total 89
Admission by letter	+ 3	+ 5	+ 8
Prof. of Faith	Male 32	Female 65	Total - 97
Removed by death	- 1	By letter - 1	- 2
	Male 31	Female 64	Total 95

The Clerk's report was read and accepted to be placed on file.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as follows: -

Receipts:

Balance Jan. 1, 1939		\$ 222.68
Pledges	\$ 553.21	
Plate Collections	245.25	
Miss.	6.72	
Investment Income	693.42	
Church Re-Construction	3043.17	
Operating Loan	35.00	
Parsonage Re-Construction (loan)	2000.00	
Church Re-Dedication	5.00	
		\$ 6582.47
		\$ 6805.15

Expenses:

Salary - Pastor.	861.49
" Organist	150.00
" Janitor	75.00
Interest & Collection	34.40
Power & Light	13.55
Insur.	37.00
Insurance	116.74

Parsonage Maintenance	# 7.00	
Church Re-Construction	3132.50	
Parsonage " "	1775.06	
Church Re-Dedication	3.05	
Operating Loan Payment	35.00	H
General Expenses	175.35	6424.17

Balance Dec. 31, 1939		380.95
	#	6805.15

To the Members of the First Cong. Church:

Because of the unsettled conditions prevailing for the major part of the year, it was to be expected that the financial position of the Church would be affected.

Receipts from pledges showed a marked decrease. \$553.20 being rec'd. as compared to \$738.95 during 1938.

Plate collections however improved.

\$245.25 was received in 1939 as compared to \$142.67 in 1938.

The income from invested funds remained substantially the same.

The B. L. S. Class contributed \$35.00 during the year to be applied against the outstanding loan obtained some years ago for operating expenses. This payment reduced the note to \$165.00.

Contributions toward the re-construction of the Church building continued throughout the year remarkably well. During the past year \$3022.49 was received. Of this amount \$1197.66 was collected by the H. F. A.

Alumni Association). The total receipts to date for this purpose are \$4989.77. Expenditures to date on the re-construction amount to \$5888.10 with \$535.53 outstanding. The unpaid bills represent the

last of the expenses chargeable to hurricane damage and will make the entire cost \$6422.63. Total pledges for this work amount to \$5798.17. A collateral loan at the Palmer National Bank of \$1000.00 is also outstanding. All of these obligations will be taken up as soon as the loan and grant is received from the Congregational Church Building Society.

The remodeling of the Parsonage was undertaken in 1939. As of December 31st \$1775.06 has been paid for this work. It is expected that between \$3500.00 and \$3800.00 will be required to complete the work. To date \$2000.00 has been borrowed. This is in the form of a collateral loan at the Palmer National Bank.

Unpaid bills chargeable to the general account amounting to \$236.07 are being carried over into 1940. This amount included \$84.66 for the new hymnals (of which amount \$66.55 has been received - Jan. 4th).

Contributions for 1940 are being received for operating expenses of 1940 in excess of expectations. It is sure that enough will have been received in a few days to pay all outstanding obligations other than those chargeable to the re-construction of the Church and the remodeling of the Parsonage.

Pledges for the year 1940 already received amount to nearly \$1400.00. It is hoped that these may be paid regularly and completely. If this is done our budget for the year will be very nicely covered.

Envelopes for weekly offerings are available to any desiring them.

Respectfully,

Everett H. Landrum, Treasurer

The report of the Auditor, Mr. William S. Spooner was given by Everett Landon, as follows:—

Auditor's
Report

This is to state that I have examined the stocks, bonds, and bank balances in the safe deposit box at the Palmer National Bank, and find them the same as last year except for what the Bank is holding as security for, the one hundred and thirty one hundred dollars the church is now owing the bank.

I have examined the accounts of the church treasures for the year 1939, his checking account, bank balance, cash on hand, and receipts for payments made during the year. I regard everything as correct.

William S. Spooner Auditor.

At this time Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. gave a brief oral report. He thanked the Church most heartily for its call to him and hoped that he and Mrs. MacLeod would be able to serve us long and well. He anticipated an early ordination service for himself so that he could perform all the duties necessary of a minister. He spoke most highly of the splendid work the church and its members have done in restoring the building and also commended their work in remodeling the parsonage. He extended a welcome to members and to all people there at any time. He mentioned the work of the committee which has made arrangements for the rededication service to be held on Jan 14, 1940.

This should be an unusual event in the history of our church.

Rev. Woodward also said that a splendid Young People's Society has been organized with a membership of about twenty-five. The work of the Sunday School was mentioned with the hope that it may continue to be a vital part of the church work. He anticipated a full but enjoyable year.

Sunday School Report.

There was no report from Allen Keith, the Sunday School, Supt. but the financial report was given by Gladys Campbell as follows:

Am't. on hand Jan. 1, 1939	\$	000.00
Offerings Rec'd. 1 st Quarter	\$	41.36
" " 2 nd "		35.65
" " 3 rd "		19.77
" " 4 th "		26.90
Rec'd. from other sources		43.47
		167.15
<u>Expenses</u>		
Am't. paid Home Missions	\$	6.00
Repair of Clock		1.00
" " Sunday S. Supplies	13	4.23
" " Picnic		9.40
" " Choir music	5.00	155.63
Bal on hand Dec 31, 1939	\$	11.52

No report from the Ladies Benevolent Society was given this year.

Fidelis Class Report.

The Fidelis Class gave their report as follows:

The Fidelis Class has enjoyed a fairly successful year. Some of our activities were the serving of the Town Meeting dinner - March, Salad supper in July and August and our Annual turkey supper in November. We have redecorated the vestibule and laid new rugs.

The class members wish to thank all who have helped us to make our year a success.

This report was commented upon by remarking that it was much too modest for us to fully appreciate the splendid service which they have given the Church.

B. L. S.
Class.

No report was given for the B. L. S. Class although much work has been done by the group. For one item, they contributed money for twenty-five of the new church hymnals which were used for the 1st time on Christmas Sunday. They gave these in memory of the late Dea. Wallace Moore.

Election
of
Officers:

The following officers were duly elected by ballot for the ensuing year:

Moderator - Mr. Clarence B. Brown
Clerk - Gladys H. Campbell
Treasurer - Everett D. Jordan
Auditor - Mr. George K. Hitchcock
Supt. of S. S. - Mr. Richard Brown
1 Member Bd. of Trustees for 5 yrs.

5 - Mr. Clarence Brown

4 - Mr. William D. Spooner

3 - Mr. Frank Gifford

2 - Mr. Charles Wheeler

1 - Mr. Roy S. Clark

1 Deacon for 4 years

4 - Mr. Charles Wheeler

3 - Mr. Frederick Bissett

2 - Mr. E. E. Campbell

1 - Mr. Clarence Brown

Three elective members of the Standing Committee.

1. Gladys H. Campbell

2. Mabel L. Sherman

3. Mabel L. Luce

These have all been listed to facilitate the re-elections each year.

Voted to have a music committee to help with that part of the church work. The following committee was then elected:

1. Gladys H. Campbell
2. Peter L. Sherman
3. Mabel Lince.

New
business

Under new business it was voted: That the Clerk be instructed to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. William S. Spooner for his years of faithful service as Auditor of our church accounts.

Mr. Clark reported much progress by the Trustees in negotiating the loan with the Congregational Church Building Society.

Church
Seal.

A new church seal has been purchased to be used for all legal papers. This is to be kept by the Church Clerk.

New
Hymn Books

Notice was given that the new hymn books "The New Church Hymnal," edited by H. Augustine Smith, were used for the first time at the Christmas service.

An invitation was given to any and all who wish to contribute memorial books for friends, etc. to do so to help defray the

expense for the same. Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to take care of the payment for them! Suggested that the old books be gathered together and given to the Salvation Army.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk

A social time was enjoyed by all present as the Fidelis Class served refreshments

Jan. 7, 1940

New member.

Dr. Frederic A. Charles was received into our membership by letter from the Cong. Church at Exeter, N. H.

Jan. 14, 1940.

Rededication

Service

At 4:30 P. M. on Sunday, Jan. 14th members and friends, about three hundred strong, gathered at the church for a most impressive rededication service. The following program was presented: -

Organ Prelude - Miss Eleanor Clark.
Call to Worship - Rev. Randolph H. Hill.

Rev. William A. Estabrook had planned to take this part of the service but sickness prevented him from being with us, and Mr. Hill, willingly consented to take his part.

Hymn

Solo - If With All Your Hearts
Ye Truly Seek Me. Mr. Paul Simon

Litany - Rev. Ralph M. Sigbulake, D.D.

Prayer of Dedication - Rev. George A. Tuttle

Hymn

Offertory anthem by choir.

Doxology

Sermon - Rev. Charles C. Merrill

Hymn

Benediction - Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.

Organ Postlude - Miss Eleanor Clark.

After the service in the auditorium, all enjoyed an old fashioned get to gether in the rectory, where refreshments were served by the Fideles Class. This will be a date long to be remembered by those who were privileged to attend and participate.

An unusually beautiful memorial program booklet

was sent out to friends and members who contributed to the Re-Construction Fund. Others received copies at the meeting. Much credit is due Mr. Rock. Clark for the interesting service which he gave and the splendid concise history of our church from its early beginnings to the present time.

Jan. 28, 1940

Letters were read from the following churches to us, to extend church membership to the following:

From the United Congregational Church of Newport, Rhode Island for Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.

From the Central Congregational Church of Galesburg, Illinois for Mrs. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.

Feb. 4, 1940

New
Members.

At the close of the regular morning service this morning it was voted to receive Rev. and Mrs. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr. in to our church membership.

Feb. 11, 1940

Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr. presented as his guest speaker, Dr. Rockwell H. Potter, Dean of the Hartford Theological Seminary, whom we all most thoroughly enjoyed and we hope benefited!

Letter Missive

to Hampden
County Assoc.

and other
invited guests.

To the Churches of the Hampden Association of Churches and Ministers.

The Executive Committee of Hampden Association unite with the First Cong. Church of Brimfield, Mass. in calling an Association Council to advise, and if so voted, to assist in the ordination

and installation of Norman M. MacLeod, Jr., whom we have called to be our pastor.

We therefore request you to be represented by pastor and delegate in an Ecclesiastical Council to meet as follows: The Council for the examination of Mr. MacLeod to be held in the Old First Church, Springfield on February 12, at 10:30 o'clock. If the results are favorable the service of ordination to be held in the Brimfield Church on February 19 at 7:30 P.M. preceded by a supper at 6:00 P.M.

The Churches of Hampshire Assoc. are invited, also the following churches and individuals:

The United Cong. Church of Newport, R.I.

The Central Cong. Church of Salisbury, Mass.

Rev. Dr. Robbins W. Brewster, Rev. Marshall Budd

Rev. Dr. Rockwell H. Potter, Rev. Dr. Henry Culley

Prof. Alex C. Purdy, Rev. Bradley Skinner

Prof. Plato Shaw, Rev. William Slater

Prof. Merrill Bailey, Rev. Dr. Hendrick Garbel

Prof. E. Jerome Johnson, Rev. Rodman MacLeod

Prof. Albert C. Lane, Prof. James H. Cleland

Prof. Elmer C. L. Johnson, Rev. Arthur Edmunds

Rev. Richard A. Butler, Rev. Mary Ann Bailey

Rev. Sterling S. White, Rev. Charles Fay

Rev. Dr. L. W. Lyster, Rev. Edmund Thompson

Rev. Howard Van, Rev. R. Paul Hobbs and

Wickings; yon, yon, yon, yon, yon;

On behalf of the Association,

Rev. J. B. Jones, Moderator

Rev. John B. Lewis, Secy.

On behalf of the Church,

Mr. Charles Brown

Mr. Frederick Russell

Mr. Bertie Campbell

Mr. Charles Johnson

Glady. H. Campbell, Clerk.

Feb. 18, 1940

At the close of the regular service Mr. MacLeod was presented a silk robe in honor of his approaching ordination. Mrs. Hugh Smith made a most fitting presentation speech, in behalf of members and friends.

Feb. 12, 1940

Report of
Council

A Council of the Churches of Hampden Association, called by the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Brimfield Congregational Church, met Feb. 12, 1940 at the 1st Congregational Church of Springfield to examine Norman M. MacLeod, Jr. the pastor of the Brimfield Church, who seeks ordination and installation.

For the first time, two sessions of the Council were called, one to examine the candidate, the other, if so voted, to carry out the program of ordination and installation in Brimfield on Feb. 17th.

Rev. Earl Vime presided as Moderator, and Rev. John B. Lewis was scribe. The prayer was offered by Rev. R. H. Potter of Hartford. The roll of churches was taken. 16 churches of the Association were represented by pastor or delegate, also three ministerial members and eight invited individuals, all clergymen.

The Church Clerk, Miss Gladys W. Campbell, submitted letters giving the call to Mr. MacLeod, his acceptance, and his membership. Mr. MacLeod submitted diplomas of graduation from Amherst College, Hartford Theological Seminary

and of his two years' study in Germany, also his license to preach. Voted that credentials be approved.

Mr. MacLeod read a carefully written statement of his life history, religious belief and experience. On roll call many questions were asked by the delegates, most of them having to do with theology.

Voted, those present should constitute the Council. Voted the examination be considered satisfactory, and that the Council proceed with the church to his ordination to the Christian ministry and installation as pastor of the church. This service to be held in the Brimfield Church on Feb. 19th at 7:30 P.M. A program of this service was read and approved.

Mrs. MacLeod was introduced, and Dr. Potter stated that both Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod were heartily endorsed by the Hartford Seminary Foundation. Voted, the scribe complete the record, and that the Council stand adjourned at the conclusion of the evening service.

A program is added.
 Carl Jenie, Moderator
 John D. Lewis, Scribe
 Springfield, Mass.
 Feb. 19th, 1940

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the report.
 Gladys H. Campbell
 Clerk

Ordination Service for Norman M. Macbeed, Jr.
at First Cong. Church - February 19, 1940.

The Service of Worship

Prelude	Mr. Adelaide Knowlton
Processional No. 289	A Mighty Fortress.....
Call to Worship	Rev. Richard K. Beebe
Invocation	Rev. Richard K. Beebe
Anthem	How Beautiful Upon the Mountains
	The Junior Choir
Scripture Lesson	Prof. Moses Bailey
Prayer	Rev. Sterling S. White
Sermon	Prof. E. Jerome Johanson
Hymn No. 414	God of the Prophets.

The Office of Ordination & Installation.

The Statement of the Moderator

Rev. Earl Vinie

The Act of Ordination Rev. Roderick Macbeed

Question to the Candidates

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, that, in taking upon you the charge of this congregation, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of His Church.

Answer: I so believe and declare.

Question: Will you give yourself heartily to such devotions and studies and such a course of life as may increase your knowledge of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus and your power to teach the same plainly and persuasively?

Answer: This I will endeavor to do by the help of the Word.

Question: (addressed to the people) Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Norman M. Macbeed, Jr., whom you have called to be your minister? Will you honor him with your support, your sympathy, your cooperation, that your communion and fellowship may be rich in joy and strength and fruitful of good works?

Answer: This we engage to do, the Lord being

our helper.

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Frederick K. Macbride

Charge to the Candidates

Rev. Rockwell H. Potter

(Prof. Elmer E. S. Johnson took
Dr. Potter's place).

Charge to the People

Rev. George Tuttle.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Rev. Edwin B. Robinson

Recessional No. 1

Our God, our Help in
Ages Past.

Postlude

Mrs. Adelaide Knawltan.

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and placing upon the records of our love
 testimony.

Whereas The Methodist Episcopal Church
 South, New York and Tennessee
 during the foregoing year, the
 incorporation having given more
 advantageously of its time, energy
 and talent;

Whereas in the said Church, there
 has been provided to a wide field of
 service.

Be it resolved, that the First Cong.
 Church of New York, Conn. and
 its friends, do and blessing
 and by this take express to the
 its deep gratitude for the year of
 faithful service in its behalf.

May 5, 1941

About fourteen of our members
 attended the annual meeting of the
 Hampton Union of Cong. Churches and
 Ministers at Lake Cong. Church, N.Y.
 The board included the pastor of
 the college and the Church. These
 churches and were representatives of
 groups in the students of Union College
 in the morning presented one of these
 students and an account of "What
 Unionist in College does for the student."
 This student was Earl B. MacBrick
 Under 37.

May 15-16,
 1940

The annual meeting of the New
 York Cong. and Union churches
 was held at Central Cong. Church,
 Syracuse, N.Y. and was presided over by
 the Rev. Mr. J. C. Campbell, Moderator
 of the meeting. The meeting was
 held in the morning and afternoon.
 The day was spent in the study of
 Campbell's all round work and

Rev. Mr. Macleod, in took the
 position of the last last Sunday
 service and on first 1000 (October
 On Sept 22, 1941 Rev. Mr. Macleod preached
 for us, on Sept 29, Rev. James H.
 Dickerson, Oct. 6, Rev. Harold H.
 Robinson of Johnson, Iowa, and
 Oct 13th Rev. James H. Dickerson
 again preached.

Oct. 6, 1941

Regular fall meeting of
 the Hampden County Association
 met at the Longmeadow Church.
 Rev. and Mrs. Macleod, Mr. and Mrs.
 J. Campbell, Mrs. Lander and Gladys
 Campbell attended.

Aug. 25, 1941

Copy of
 Resolution
 sent to
 Mr. Knowlton.

Resolution

Whereas, Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton has served
 this church as its Organist for over
 fifteen years, having given more
 than generously of her time,
 energy and talent,
 for years she has tendered her
 resignation as Organist,
 We do hereby, that we, the members
 of the First Congregational
 Church of Springfield, as we
 accept her resignation,
 express to her our deep
 appreciation for her faithful
 and devoted service in behalf
 of the Church.

Aug. 25, 1941

Special business meeting of the
 church held on the evening of Sunday
 August 25, 1941 immediately after the
 night service.

When absence of the moderator and
 absence of the clerk was called to order
 by the pastor, Rev. James Macleod, Jr.

Rev. S. Clark was chosen moderator pro tem and Robert J. Shaw was chosen clerk pro tem.

The motion of Frank L. Sifford was voted to suspend the by laws.

This action was taken because notice of the meeting had been given only one week in advance instead of the two weeks required by the by laws.

Then Frank L. Sifford presented the foregoing resolutions upon the resignation of Mrs. Knott and on motion of Mrs. Knott it was unanimously voted that they be adopted seconded in the minutes of the meeting and that a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Knott.

During recent weeks the congregation has had an opportunity at the regular Sunday morning services to hear several substitute sermons of whom two were candidates for the position of Organist. Election was held by ballot with the following result:

Walter Cameron of Johnson, C.

Gladys Campbell of Springfield, C.

Miss Gladys Campbell was chosen the church, was likewise voted against.

After a brief discussion of George A. Luther's unsatisfactory job of painting, said of the auditorium windows, on motion of J. J. Luther it was voted,

That it is the sense of this meeting that the paint job of Mr. A. Luther on the church auditorium windows is unsatisfactory and that some adjustment should be made by the painter. It was suggested that a copy of this vote be sent to Mr. Luther.

Arthur D. Brown
Meeting adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Shuster
Clerk for the year.

Dec. 27, 1940
Annual
Meeting

The annual meeting and roll call of the First Congregational Church was held at the church on Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1940 - preceded by a family supper for all. A devotional and prayer service was conducted by Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. and then the moderator, Mrs. Clarence B. Brown presided. The roll call of members showed 45 present and 5 others sent responses. The membership was reported as follows:

Membership Jan. 5, 1940

	Male	31	Female	64	Total	95
Worship		3		5		8
Supper		2		7		9
	Male	36	Female	76	Total	112

The members were both a surprise and a joy this year.

The Clerk's report was read and accepted with the comment that mention should have been made of the splendid musical given at the church on June 1. The following objects generously donated by the members for our benevolence -

- 1) Louise K. H. H. - Contralto
Chicago Civic Opera Company
- 2) Mrs. K. K. K. - Violinist
Truman Court Orchestra of Columbia
- 3) Mr. K. K. K. - Baritone
Columbia and Opera House
- 4) Mrs. K. K. K. - Soprano
Columbia and Opera House

These gifts were properly checked and your clerk will be happy to apply them to each of them.

The Committee report was given and accepted as follows: None presented

copies of this report were distributed
and made it easy for all members to
follow the various items.

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		380.91
Pledges	\$1,389.65	
Pledges for 1941	270.00	
Wale Collections	252.82	
Special Collections	21.15	
Investment Income	7.78	
Church Reconstruction	1177.70	
" " Mortgage	732.00	
Parsonage " Loan	2000.00	
Miscellaneous	9.05	
Hymnal Purchase	88.05	
Church Dedication	59.20	
Parsonage Rent	330.00	
Generousness	7.70	
		<u>\$7193.37</u>

Expenditures

Salary, Pastor	\$1211.00	
" "	40.00	
" Organist	181.50	^{\$} 3750 ⁰⁰ 1939
" Janitor	262.50	^{\$} 112.50 ⁰⁰ 1939
Interest & Collection	77.72	
Light	28.26	
Heat	103.00	
Insurance	211.90	
Parsonage Maintenance	58.47	
Church Reconstruction	1817.21	
Parsonage " "	2313.33	
Church Council Mtg. Payment	250.00	
Church Dedication	182.39	
Hymnal Purchase	112.76	
Music	20.34	
Special Collections	21.15	
General Expenses *	184.61	^{\$} 7034.19
Balance Dec 27 1941		<u>472.12</u>
		<u>\$7477.15</u>

* General Expenses (Items)

Membership Tax (2 years)

Church sign and seal

27.30

32.00

Safe Deposit Box rent	\$ 5.55
Minister's Annuity Fund	35.84
Cooking furnaces at church	14.10
Communion service supplies	5.55
Pastoral Supply	10.00
Misc supplies, postage, etc.	54.52
	<u>\$ 184.61</u>

The year 1940 has been a very encouraging one financially. The receipts from pledges reached, I believe, a new high - approximately \$1400. There are a few who have not completed their pledges for 1940 and it is hoped that as many of these who can, will do so. The amount of these unpaid pledges is \$150.00.

There is also due the sum of \$341.50 on the pledges made for the re-construction of the Church. I believe a considerable part of this will be paid the coming year.

Pledges for 1941 received to date amount to approximately \$1300.00.

All bills for work on both the Church and Parsonage are all paid and there are no outstanding bills as of this date. The total indebtedness of the Church is as follows:

Palmer Natl Bank Collateral Loan on Parsonage	\$ 4,000.00
" " " Operating Loan	165.00
Board of Home Missions Church	
Reconst. Mortgage	482.00
	<u>\$ 4,647.00</u>

To the above should be added the grant of \$800 given by the Church Building Society toward the re-construction of the Church. This is secured by a 99 year mortgage.

The Operating Loan has been included in the budget and we hope to be able to liquidate this the coming year. The reconstruction mortgage is being paid off at the rate of \$500 per year.

There are due the following bills for

their contribution of \$1.00 of which \$0.50 has been applied on the Church Rd. construction mortgage and \$0.50 toward the expense of the coming year. Also to the B. L. S. Class for their contribution of \$2.00 for the purchase of new hymn books.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank S. Gifford Secy.

Mr. Gifford stated that a copy of the Treasurer's report and the books were in the Auditor's hand and a report would be forthcoming.

Mr. Richard Brown, Just. of the S. L. gave his report which was accepted as follows:-

The Burnfield Inquisitional S. L. has for the most part enjoyed a fairly successful year.

Our attendance was increased by a contest which ran for several months ending with a party enjoyed by all contestants. At the same time an Honor Class system was started whereby the class having the largest percentage of its total members present over a month's period would have the privilege of wearing honor pins for the ensuing month; the B. L. S. Class very generously purchased the pins for us. This seems to have stimulated the interest of the children to try to be present.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic and Bunting was held at Little Alum Lake. It differed somewhat from past years in that the children's time was more planned so that we were able to work in some organized play. The use of the picnic table

Young
People's
Society

The Young People's Society was organized by the Methodist Church and is held on the second of the month.

The Young People's Society of the church which had not been formed here for some time is organized in the Methodist Church of the group and held each Sunday night. It also has a board of some one officer meeting a month or so in the summer. The executive board meets at least once a month and plans the activities for the group religious and otherwise.

In June seven of the young people went as delegates to the Young People's Conference held at New State College. Two of the boys of the group went to conference in N. H. in July.

Some of the money which has been given by the young people has been given by the N. H. Class some was raised by a school and some was raised by the young people themselves.

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The B.L.S. Class enjoyed a prosperous year during 1941. At our first meeting in January character for the play, "Bliss By Day," was chosen.

March 14th election of officers:
 Pres. - Gertrude Hotchkiss
 Treas. - Mary Forby
 Secy. - Katherine Hanson
 Exec. - Lillian Burnett

New collars purchased for the Junior character and two dozen I.S. Forby pins.

March 30th Play "Bliss By Day" which netted a total profit of \$42.69.

Renovated the Library Room of the S.D. - A great improvement!

June - \$5.00 to Red Cross

B.L.S. Alumni refreshment \$13.50

Food Sale - 7.50

At our Sept. 2nd meeting Edna Peterson was reported ill and flowers ordered sent.

The following week we were told of her death to our great sorrow. Following her death a

thing and able worker and friend Sept. 10.00 to Improvement Society and work on Church Hill

and a boiled dinner netted \$2.10.

Nov. 11th Mrs. Burfield spoke to us. The B.L.S. Class was invited. The subject was - Missions.

December Voted to pledge \$5.00 to the B.L.S. to be paid quarterly and to

to visit the annual fund. Also voted to adopt a project to sew

for the hospital. Nov. 19th 1941 members of the class met at the parsonage and decided to make for the annual fund. The B.L.S. Class is now working on the annual fund.

In closing, may the B.L.S. Class

each and everyone a happy and prosperous
New Year. May our church prosper during
the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Bathernun Mason, Secy.

Pastor's
Report.

Rev Norman MacLeod Jr.
gave the following report which
was duly accepted: -

A very happy year has just been con-
cluded in the Brimfield parish and we can
do little better than to thank God for his
many mercies to us.

Thanks to the devoted work of the Bd.
of Trustees and the generous giving of all
the people of Brimfield, the church has
been restored, the parsonage renovated, and
considering the amount of work which has
been done, the church has in good financial
condition as the report of the Treasurer shows.
The vest at the time to thank the Bible
Class, the Bd. Class and the Teenage Fol-
lowers, our high school group, for the generous in-
which they responded to our request for help
in meeting our budget this year. It has
pledged that of the Bible Class is already in
the hands of the Treasurer.

On Monday Thursday before Easter
14 new members were admitted to our
fellowship and 12 children's Day school
presented a fine pageant and six children
were baptized. The committee has also
officiated at 11 weddings, two in the church,
seven in private homes, and the other three in the
parsonage, and at 7 funerals, none of
which were of members of the church.
We do, however, wish to recall with deep
regret the passing of Mrs. Caroline Bates,
long a resident of Brimfield and a generous
supporter of the church. She was a
member.

Special services were held on Maundy Thursday, on Easter afternoon, and on the four Sundays in Advent, closing with the second annual Christmas pageant on Dec. 22. There was also a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24. The response to these extra services has been gratifying and we feel that through them we are able to reach people who for one reason or another do not attend the morning services.

The attendance at the morning services has averaged through the year beginning Jan. 1, 1940, about 75. It is significant however that the average for the last four months has only been 54, that is, almost 24 below the year's average. In considering the larger figures, too, we must discount the Sundays in June on which many outsiders came to worship with us. Nevertheless the attendance is a source for concern and we must make a determined effort to reach out to those who are so far off for whatever reason.

The church has shown itself well able to support itself, but on the benevolence side we are lamentably weak. The Christian spirit should be in the degree that we think of others and this is reflected in a church's giving to the larger work of the whole church. The proper balance we set for ourselves an annual goal of \$100.00, \$10.00 to the Synodical Board of our church, and \$90.00 for our own direct gifts. Less than \$25.00 has been staged through the usual channel that is on the ledger card. It is not too late to tell the Board that you wish to give an extra five cents as a direct contribution to the benevolence fund. If you wish to do so please give your gift in the envelope with which this card is

that so much is to go to Benaville. The church needs doing, and it becomes more important to think of the needs of our neighbors near and far and to do something concrete as a Christian. We are spending billions of dollars in weapons of destruction. Can we not give at least a small proportion of that to heal the wounds of peace? The only secure world is a world of Christians. It is for such a world that every cent given to this mission is a step towards our church's peace.

In conclusion, Mr. MacLeod and his little churchmen for the wonderful way in which you have responded to our wish herein all things. He has had a happy year and expects a happier one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman M. MacLeod, Jr. Pastor.

Report of
Board of
Trustees

Mr. William L. Spooner, clerk for the Board of Trustees gave the following report which was duly accepted: To the officers and members of the First Congregational Church of Grand Rapids.

The trustees met early in the year and organized with Mr. MacLeod as chairman and Mr. William L. Spooner, Clerk.

The first business matter of the general routine work was the receiving of the resignation of Mr. Knudsen as organist, because of ill health and in view of his past services we prevailed upon him to continue the contribution the first of July with the permission to use a substitute as often as necessary.

In May the trustees requested Mr. MacLeod to act as chorister.

In June 1st the music committee was initiated to meet with the trustees.

to discuss the hiring of a new organist and it was decided that the salary should be \$25 per year and that a limit of \$35 per year be allowed the chorister for the purchase of music. It was decided to ask all who wished to candidate for the position to play two Sundays and that after all the applicants had been heard to ask the church to make their choice by ballot.

When our treasurer was called away by his business we appointed Mr. Frank S. Clifford to act for the remainder of the year and recommended the name of Mr. James Blair to the church to fill the vacancy thus created, as trustee.

During the year the church has been especially indebted to the Rural Improvement Society, noting Mr. Edward Marriott in particular for the good work that he and they did in grading and seeding the South Church lawn; to Mr. Charles DeLand for making the sign for the front lawn and to Mr. and Mrs. James Smith for bringing to town the accomplished musical entertainment for the benefit of the hurricane fund.

The trustees voted to sponsor and endorse a women's club in the near future.

At the financial meeting the estimates for expenses were accepted and it was voted that the salaries be the same as heretofore except that that of the minister should be \$700 besides charges of the parsonage. The town was divided into sections and collection sent out. A generous response has been made for which the trustees desire to express their appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Stevens, Clerk.

The following officers were duly elected by ballot for the ensuing year -

Moderator -	Mr. Clarence B. Brown
Clerk -	Madysa H. Campbell
Treasurer -	Mr. Frank H. Clifford
Auditor -	Mr. George F. Hitchcock
Supt. of S. S. -	Present - for the present till a meeting of the S. S.

1 Member Bd. of Trustees -	Mr. John S. Clark
1 Deacon for 4 years -	Mr. Clarence B. Brown
Three elector members of the Standing Comm. -	Mr. Peter Sherman Mrs. Paul Linn Mrs. Ethel Spencer

Motion that Article IV Sect 1 of the By-Laws which reads: "Standing Committee of which shall be a deacon and two elector members shall be officers and three elector members should be amended to read:

Change in
By-Laws.
Clerk to be
in Standing
Committee.

Standing Committee of which the pastor shall be one elector and two shall be members as before with three elector members. Amended.
Resolved and carried that the Standing Committee be composed of three elector members and that the committee to receive and examine the accounts of the Treasurer be composed of three elector members and that the committee to receive and examine the accounts of the Treasurer be composed of three elector members.

The committee on the accounts of the Treasurer reported that the accounts were correct and that the Treasurer had been faithful in the discharge of his duty.

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by Mr. Henry Moore to include a letter to Mr. Charles Roberts who donated especially, even against great odds, and exertion of himself who gave us the mass of the tractor and Bull and other machinery for one full day. He noted.

Mr. Steger suggested that the Church should assume a share of responsibility for the care and upkeep of the work which the Improvement Society has done. Insurance and generally, members of the Trustees should be doing something to help.

Noted to send a letter of gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Bruce Brown and his family for their part in making the service so especially for Trustees Sunday but also at other times.

Mr. William Brown on the 1st of the possibility of sending flowers to the Charles Roberts who is a question of his faithfulness as well as his own. But that matter should be made sure and not to forget the good work of the Society which is weakened by illness. He has suggested and he expects to be able to do some work in doing for the Church.

Thank you very much for the
 Love and sympathy from the
 Church.

Jan. 5, 1941

At the close of the regular morning service a brief meeting of the church was called for the purpose of electing delegates for the ordination and installation services for Mr. Ned McKenney of East Longmeadow. Mrs. Harry Landon and Mrs. Harrington, Sr. were chosen as our delegates.

Jan. 12, 1941

A special meeting of the church was called at the close of the morning

service for the purpose of approving the election of the Supt. of the Sunday School; as elected by that group. Therefore, the church thus voted to accept the name of Mr. Charles Deland as Supt. of S.S. for the ensuing year.

April 6, 1941.

At a meeting of the church at the close of the regular service, the names of Mr. Charles Deland, Mrs. Charles Deland, and Mrs. Stanley Fick were recommended for membership upon presentation of letter. Voted to receive them at the Maundi Thursday service on April 10, 1941.

The name of Mr. Harley Landon was also presented for membership upon profession of faith. So voted.

April 10, 1941.

At the Maundi Thursday Communion service at the Church Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deland and Mrs. Stanley Fick were received into our membership by letter. Mr. Harley Landon was received into our membership upon profession of faith.

May 4, 1941.

On Sunday May 4th 1941 was held the annual meeting of the Hampden Assoc. of Cong. Churches and Ministers at Hope Church in Springfield. The theme for this meeting was "The Church and Planning the Future". In the morning Bishop William Appleton gave a talk on this subject. Those who attended enjoyed an unusually fine service.

May 11, 1941

At a meeting of the church, which met at the close of the regular service of worship, Mr. R. E. Campbell and Gladys H. Campbell were appointed

to be delegated at the annual meeting of the Mass. Cong. Conf. and Missionary Society to be held at Second Cong. Church at Attleboro, Massachusetts.

June 1, 1941.

A short meeting was called at the close of the regular meeting for the purpose of appointing delegates for the installation of Rev. Kenneth S. Kidney at the Union Church of Sudlow on Wed. June 4th. Miss Ethel Spooner and Mrs. Harrington were elected as our delegates.

Aug. 31, 1941.

A meeting of the church was called at the close of the morning service. Business was done and the matter of speaker for the next Sunday, Sept. 7th or whether it was advisable to close for a Sunday. Voted to keep the church open and if possible to secure Mrs. Thelma Macdonald for the service. Voted to have the letter with the Clerk.

The following persons spoke for us during Mr. Macdonald's vacation.

Aug. 24th Rev. Josiah Wickerman

Aug. 31st Rev. Mrs. Forrester Macdonald

Sept. 7th " " " " " "

Sept. 14, 1941

The name of Miss Charlotte Day, who had previously presented herself before the Standing Committee, was recommended by said committee for membership in our Church upon profession of faith. Voted to welcome her into our membership and at the close of the service she was duly received into our Church.

Sept. 28, 1941

At a meeting of the church at the close of the morning service, it was voted to grant a letter of dismissal and of recommendation to Mr. Allen Keith, to Faith Cong. Church in Springfield, Mass.

Oct. 19, 1941

The fall meeting of the District Assoc. of Cong. Churches and Ministers was held at Emmanuel Cong. Church in Springfield, Mass. (Oct. 19, 1941). Our church was represented by about fourteen members and those who attended were well repaid for the effort.

Nov. 9, 1941

At the close of the regular service of worship a meeting of the church was held to act upon the request for a letter of dismissal for Mrs. Eleanor Clark Toussaint, to the Cong. Church in Agawam. Voted to grant such a letter and recommend her to that church.

Nov. 10, 1941

A meeting of the church was called at the close of the morning service to act upon the matter of a letter of dismissal for Miss Ethel Evans to Williston Church at Portland, Maine. Such a letter voted to be sent.

Miss Evans' name has been on our retired list since Dec. 1937.

Dec. 24, 1941

At a meeting of the church at the close of the regular service, it was voted to grant Mr. and Mrs. Anisworth Adams, letters of dismissal to the Federated Church at Warren, Mass.

These names had been placed on our retired list in December 1937.

Dec. 29, 1941.

The following names have been placed upon the Retired List (see motion on p. 62 - Jan. 1, 1934), since no active interest is shown by them - because of the fact that they are permanently out of town:

1. Lawrence B. Bissell
2. Mrs. Albert E. Craig (Dorothy Brown)
3. Mrs. George Dockham
4. Mrs. George Joslin (Marie Elder)
5. Gladys H. Laird
6. Mrs. Frederick J. Meyer (Betty Brown)
7. Mrs. Hugh Smith
8. Miss Carol Smith
9. Mrs. Gilbert E. Stacy (Naomie Brown)
10. Mrs. Leber Thibodeau (Sabel Elder)
11. Everett Wallace Whitten.

Dec. 30, 1941.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting and annual of the First Congregational Church was held at the church on the evening of December 30, 1941. The meeting was presided by a lady who arrived at 6:30 P.M. A devotion and praise service was conducted by the Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. and the Moderator, the Rev. George E. Brown presided.

The roll of members shows 29 present and 14 reported as follows: Membership Dec. 27, 1941.

Admission	16	Trans. 76	Total 112
By letter	1	2	3
For - Faith	1	1	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total 117

Removal			
By Death	- 1	- 1	- 3
By letter	- 1	- 1	- 3
	<u>Male 37</u>	<u>77</u>	Total 114

Placed on Retired List	- 2	- 9	- 11
	<u>Male 35</u>	<u>Female 68</u>	Total 103

Journal of the church was read

and accepted without.

The Board has also reported on the work of the Board of Christian Education for the year 1941. The report was made for the Board and the members of the Board and is as follows:

Treasurer's
Report

To the Board of Christian Education
of the Church of Christ, Springfield
Massachusetts
My report upon the work of the
Board of Christian Education for the
year 1941. The Board has been very busy
in the past year in the work of the
Board and the members of the Board
and the members of the Board.

The Board has not been as successful as
anticipated, it has been far from discom-
ing. However, there is some progress in
the work of the Board and the members of the
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past year in the work of the Board and the
members of the Board. The Board has been
very busy in the past year in the work of the
Board and the members of the Board.

We have reduced the church's indebted-
ness by \$5.5, during the past year and
the operating loan by \$100, and reduced
the church's construction loan by \$30.
The balance on the construction loan is \$1.00 and
this will be paid as soon as possible.
This will leave the total indebtedness
\$4,000.00. The Board has been very busy
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Christian Education for the year 1941. The
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and the members of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. H. H.

Receipts and Disbursements 1941.

Financial Report 1941	Cash Balance Jan 1, 1941	1,184.11	\$ 391.67
	Hedges	1,247.62	
	Hedges for 1941	281.17	
	to constructive pledges	177.00	
	Hits Collections	177.80	
	Donations	172.45	
	Unvested Funds, Income	716.62	
	Percentage Rent	500.50	
	Envelope Payment	<u>9.00</u>	
			3,037.32
			# 3,427.05

Expenditures

Salary, Pastor	12,000.00	
" , Pastor Supply	24.00	
" , Organist	100.00	
" , Laborer	100.00	
Interest	239.57	
Light	18.87	
Fuel	71.10	
Insurance	185.70	
Fire Insurance	100.00	
Miscellaneous	24.00	
Payment on Church Mortgage	550.00	
Operating loans, paid	160.00	
Conferences	100.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u> *	\$ 3,007.71
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1941		417.34
		# 3,427.05

* Miscellaneous

Membership Card	1.00
Anniversary Card	16.75
Safety deposit box rent	1.40
Postage, printing, supplies	1.00
Flowers	3.50
Mowing lawn	42.50
Repairs	1.00
Communion supplies	<u>5.00</u>
	# 123.55

Pastor's
Report

The annual report was not given due to the fact that the vestry would not close the new year with the full list of members and reported to church.

At this time the board gave us a very enlightening report which was accepted as read and is as follows:

With this meeting we close another full year of work in the church. It was a hard year with many hardships you have shown us. We have been very fortunate in our particularly grateful for the many contributions of your children and young people to support us in the work of the church. We hope that in the future we may be able to give more of your work here.

The Board of Trustees are also standing firm and all the other officers of the church have been continuing to work hard and promising well for our future. Personally we are reminded of the time the angels and the gifts of the Holy Spirit were sent to our morning worship. The success of the year has exceeded all our expectations and Sunday School through the fall, winter and spring have come to a close and we are very grateful for the consistent loyalty of our members in aging to us and in the many ways of the cannot forget the work of our members. We are not only very grateful for the many gifts of whose efforts all for the church may therefore be a testimony of good will and report.

It has been a hard year for the pastor at the home and in the report on the state of the church. We would like to say that the picture is not wholly dark, because of the people and organizations just mentioned. They have been very helpful in the fact that the church has been able to do so much. On the other hand, the picture is not as bright as it might be.

There is evidence by the fact that church attendance has dropped to the average for this year is about the same as it was 25 years ago. If this is true, one of two things is a little of both. Either the church has ceased to be identified with the Christian faith by an increasingly large number of people, or else an increasingly large number of people are living their life in the Christian faith. The fact is that there are more people staying away from the church than in the past years. The way well set out. The most possible reason for staying away from church is that one is too busy. When it comes to that, one is baffled. Perhaps that is the reason it is so popular. You see, one that you really really know how busy you are. The only answer the church can give is that if you want to get to church, if you honestly feel that it is something you need to do, something you should do, you will find time for it. The honest fact for some of the busiest people in town are here every Sunday morning.

Another factor which undoubtedly has a lot to do with the problem you mention. For teaching at a rate would be that the common sense of the church is not what you need. They may have too often missed the mark. When they are planning the life, the minister has not put as much time as he should into general calling, that is, calling on people who have no special need, just to keep in touch with them. In the course of the past two years I have accepted responsibility in the work of the church instead of the church. Much time has been given to the church and the church of course is that.

Another factor is that the faithful people have not been going to church in helping the church now. The church is in a state of crisis.

One of the most serious problems is that

some of the people who speak most highly of the church are conspicuous by their absence - thereby making this is dishonestly to say overhype and do a little. The force of this is that we are fortunately based on strong Christian principles. The one who connects church and society is that

These are all factors that are not in our control that is, which are something that we cannot do anything about now or ever.

On the bright side there is the fact that our benevolence giving amounted this year to over \$150, about five times as much as last year. This is a very good sign that we are becoming more of our responsibility to others besides ourselves. But this is only the beginning. In the days that lie ahead more and more demands will be laid upon us. Our committee for assistance to our victims needs more money than ever. We must increase our giving to our regular missions. Apart from your church giving we hope that you are doing your best to support the latest request of the Red Cross. Let us not grow weary in well doing but press on harder toward the goal which is set before us!

Enclosed you will find a check from Mrs. Ireland for the splendid work that you have done with the Sunday school and the teacher's fellowship. It is a pleasure to see the things that you are doing and the many years of service that you have given.

The MacLeod will be appearing very much to be a fine opportunity for you to appear in person and look forward to it as a great event with anticipation of great interest.

The Lillian Merrill poem on financial support for the mission is a beautiful and accepted as follows

Sunday
School
Report

7.22

Jan 1, 1941	Presbyterian	
First Quarter Collection		35.3
Second		32.48
Third		24.3
Fourth		25.5
April Day School		2.28
First collection P.E.		1.22
Highland School		1.1
Collection Little Handicraft		

Expenses

First Quarter Supplies	39.2
Second	20.55
Third	7.71
Fourth	22.61
Salmon & Blower Shop	1.25
Transportation to Little Handicraft	1.51
Little Handicraft	
Balance Dec 31, 1940	9.287

Lillian Prescott Day School
 Mr. McLean was not present and did
 not send a report as Dept. of the S.S.
 The report for the Ladies' Bazaar and
 monthly written by Ruth Smith Day was
 used by the Clerk as follows:
 Ladies' Bazaar 1941 was a very pleasant and success-
 ful year for the S.S. Clerk
 In January we bought a picture for
 the Church would have cost \$100.00 but we bought
 it for a gift.
 In March we sold a picture for \$100.00
 and the proceeds of the picture bought a
 picture for the Church.
 In March the S.S. consisted of the
 following people to be in office for the coming
 year: President: Lillian Prescott, Vice President:
 Elizabeth L. Smith, Secretary: Ruth Smith, Treasurer:
 Lillian Prescott.
 At each meeting we had a social hour.

Compton County Council of Congregational Women
to conduct the work. The 1st year of the
the Church for women's services.

The Easterners are taking a collection for
the children and as part of the Church
donation and also give to the old men of
Barnfield.

Before graduation, we took time showing
the poor of the Church as well as the orphan
in the hall were shown.

The May school of children was held at a
Bayer hospital in New Orleans. The children were
not learning or different subjects during the winter.

At our first meeting we voted to take over
the woman's club. Remained mostly 1st. 2nd
as the former members of the society could no
longer carry on. Then at the time we
voted to buy a new stove for the kitchen and
could be had at all times as the Church.

A good cake was held June 2nd
1914 was voted to go to the Church for
help in the conference work. This is to
be done every year.

In August everyone helped to make
our Lawns party a great success.

Then in October we gave out an
entertainment put on by the High St
Church Bazaar.

We have voted to make a new paper
of getting a book to send to the children's
club. The children's club was started many years ago.

We also voted to hold all our
meetings in the Church. The public
was invited to come to our meetings. We
voted to put up and light a Christmas
tree on the 1st of December. This was in
1911. May 1912 was a success.

The first of the year was a
very successful day.
Unanimously voted to make a
very good of the year and celebration.

to this group for the splendid work done
for the church this year.

Endellia
Chen
Forrest

Thos. J. Walter, Treasurer and chairman
of the Endellia Class, and it was adopted
as follows:

This class was founded as a Sunday
school class in the Spring of 1903 with Mr.
Walter as teacher. Membership was open to any
adult interested in the welfare of the church
and Sunday School. All of the activities
have been directed to this end and the class
has been proud of the success attained as
shown by the following achievements:

1. The education of the Sunday School
2. The class paper and budget
3. The class decorations

6. The class success for raising expenses
and subscription \$100, the largest one con-
tribution after the business being \$200.

The grand total of all these activities for
the year of about \$1,500.

The activities for the year, 1904, also included:

1. Book for subscription to the Hospital
2. Old Time Book
3. Donation to

the mission of the church

I have been very proud for the
past year and will be proud the future
of the church and mission and a few
more and will be proud of the work
done in the past year and will be proud
of the work done in the past year.

For the year 1904 the report of
the class is as follows:

Thos. J. Walter, Treasurer,

Endellia Chen, Chairman,

Forrest, Secretary,

and the rest of the class
for the year 1904.

The report was accepted and it was unanimously voted to extend to them a warmly friendly note of thanks for their splendid contribution to our church life.

Board of
Trustees
Report

At this time Mr. William D. Spooner gave the church his report as Trustee of the Trustees.

The Pastor and members of the First Congregational Church of Buxfield, Connecticut.

The trustees make this their annual report. It organized electing James R. Blair as chairman and William D. Spooner as clerk.

The business throughout the year was light, attending to the routine affairs of the church. Among actions taken were: the giving of permission to the B. L. S. class to construct a cupboard under the old choir loft in which to keep the vacuum cleaner and to install a pump in the kitchen after it investigated the water supply. It installed a water heater in the parsonage, employed Perry Moore to keep the front lawn of the Church mowed, and recommended to the Church that it should give a statement to Mrs. Bertha Russell that it would, in case it should ever sell the horse shed lot, give her the first opportunity to buy.

The trustees wish to express their indebtedness to the B. L. S. Class, since become an S. L. S. for the pump which they installed in the kitchen, the vacuum cleaner, the palm which was presented for Christmas Eve and for the Christmas tree, together with its lights. They also wish to thank the Bazaar for the shrubs which they have promised, and the Buxfield Improvement Society for their good works, not forgetting the filling of the southeast driveway as well as the "Young Men's Club" as long having been dormant, having a Christmas Tree and all groups

and individuals who have given help in any way - financially, through their labors or by flowers or decorations which have helped the Church in any way during the year.

The trustees wish to call attention to the fact that, in acting on the proposed budget for 19-20 that they have segregated the Church budget from the parsonage budget so that a clearer picture may be had of the financial matters of the

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Spooner Clerk

The following officers were duly elected by ballot for the ensuing year:-

Moderator - Mr. Clarence B. Brown

Clerk - Gladys E. Campbell

Treasurer - Mr. Frank E. Lippard

Auditor - Mr. George E. Hitchcock

S. S. Supt - deferred until after

the S. S. election

Trustee Board

of Trustees - Mr. Charles H. Hester

Core deacon for

four years - Mr. B. E. Campbell

Church electors - Mr. Peter Herman

members of the - Mrs. Mabel Davis

Standing Comm. - Mrs. Ella Spooner

Moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Gladys E. Campbell Clerk

Jan. 25, 1942.

A meeting of the church was called at the close of the regular morning service, January 25, 1962. Rev. MacLeod, Jr. had exchanged pulpits with Rev. George Field of Universalist Church in Houson. Mr. Clarence Brown, presided at this meeting and read a request for a transfer letter for Mrs. George V. Peters, Jr. to Hoke Congregational Church in Springfield Mass. Voted to grant such a letter so that she may be received the first Sunday in February.

March 15, 1974

March 22, 1944

April 26, 1942.

the first delegate and the clerk in
the second one. Meeting adjourned

Sept. 3, 1941

At the close of the morning
service the church commenced
briefly to consider a delegate to
represent place of Miss E. Kraft
who felt unable to attend. Miss
E. Kraft is now a delegate.

Eight persons including
the pastor and delegates
attended the annual meeting
of the Federated Soc. of Pres. Bible
and Morality, at the Second
Congregational Church of Holyoke
Mass. Mrs. Royal S. Whiting,
Associate Executive Director of the
Council for Social Action, New York
City, spoke on the subject,
"Let us take our narrow world!"
Her address made us aware
of our responsibility to the
people of every part of the world.

In the afternoon we were
privileged to hear the address
by Rev. Dr. Wm. Howard, of
New York City. His address
was on the subject of "The
Church in a World of
Suffering". He spoke of the
responsibility of the church
to the people of the world
and the need for a
new vision of the church's
mission in the world.

Sept. 7, 1941

The church met at the close of
the regular morning service and
received a letter from the Third
Presbyterian Church of Holyoke
regarding the proposed merger of
the Third and the church in
Holyoke. The letter was
read and discussed.

Oct 9/42

A children of the regular
 service. The church members
 convened and elected Mrs. Harry
 Anderson and Mrs. Martha Anderson
 as delegates to the fall meeting of
 the Southern County Council of the
 Methodist Episcopal Church.
 The following were elected as
 delegates: Mrs. Anderson and
 Mrs. Anderson.

Oct. 25, 1942

A meeting of the church members
 was called at the close of the regular
 service to receive a letter of resignation
 of Miss Gladys Campbell, as Church Clerk
 and also as Organist and Choir Director
 to be effective from November 1, 1942.

It was voted to accept with
 regret Miss Campbell's resignation as
 Clerk. The following committee was
 named to draw up suitable resolutions
 for the occasion: Rev. Herman MacLeod,

The matter of resignation as Organist
 and Choir Director was referred to the
 Board of Trustees for action.

Nov. 8, 1942

A meeting of the Church members was
 called to act on the report of the resolution
 committee above mentioned. The following
 resolution was adopted and it was voted
 that a copy be sent to Mrs. Gladys Campbell
 at her home and also spread upon the records
 of the church.

Whereas, Miss Gladys Campbell has served
 the First Evangelical Church of Springfield,
 Mass., in many ways: as Clerk of the Church
 in which capacity she has kept its
 records with unusual diligence,
 charity and fullness; as organist and

Choir Director, in which positions she has trained and guided the young people with such skill and tact that she has won their loyalty for herself and for the Church; as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School, where her talents have been peculiarly valuable;

Whereas, her impending departure from Brimfield forces her to resign her offices;

Be It Resolved, that this Church shall, and by this token does, express its abiding gratitude to its servant, Miss Gladys Humphill, and wishes for her in her new life the richest blessings of God our Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we have so long served together, and of the Holy Spirit, in whose fellowship we shall always be united.

Adopted at a meeting of the Church,
November 8, 1942.

For the Church
Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.
Pastor and Clerk pro-tem.

ANNUAL
MEETING
DEC. 29, 1942

The annual meeting and roll call of the church was properly called for this day. Owing to the inclemency of the weather (top of hill covered with ice and it began to snow in the afternoon), the pastor, after consultation with the Moderator, felt it wise to postpone the meeting.

N-3, 1943.

At the close of the service this morning an informal meeting of the members decided on Friday,

Copies of reports submitted to the annual meeting.

Treasurer's report.

Receipts and Expenditures - 1942

Receipts

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1942

711.58

Pledges	1258.00
" for 1943	100.00
Plate Collections	182.51
Donations	242.22
Income from Invested Funds	754.81
Parsonage Rent	332.00
Envelope Payment	5.10
Waller's Loan, Debt Reduction	50.00
L. O. L. " "	50.00
" fuel	15.00
Individuals, Debt Reduction	30.00

4021.84

3439.18

Expenditures

Salary, Pastor	1740.00
" Supply	40.00
" Organist	51.00
" Salaries	150.00
Interest + Collection	175.51
Light	17.02
Heat	110.51
Insurance	101.75
Musical	8.54
Donations	226.87
Parsonage Maintenance	91.32
Yield Pay't, Remission of Mortgage	132.00
Pay't, Parsonage Loan	350.00
Miscellaneous	157.02 * see other side

3158.13

209.25

Cash Balance, Dec 29, 1942

3439.18

Miscellaneous expenses

Membership Tax	16.48
Security Fund	17.18
Postage, Printing, and Supplies	26.11
Concessions	5.00
Communion Supplies	5.00
" Glasses	2.00
Safe Deposit Box Rent	6.00
Building Grounds	51.80
Religious Education	5.00
Service Charge on Bond	<u>1.50</u>
	134.07

Report of the Pastor-

The time has come once more for the annual report on the state of religion in our community. Such a report, made in any year, from the birth of Our Lord on to the end of the world, could be a pessimistic plaint, a long and dreary recital of defeats and disappointments, hopes dashed and fears realized. Such a report would only prove that the writer lacked a sense of proportion, that the community had insisted on remaining one more year in its normal condition, half an eye on the stars and both feet firmly planted in the mud. In other words that report would reflect the normal spiritual condition of any community at any time. The causes for despair are always more numerous than the causes for rejoicing.

I say this by way of introduction because we have just come through one of our most encouraging years. The young people whom we suffered temporary eclipse, should be revived again as soon as the way seems clear. Our Sunday School is not doing as well as it should.

I have suffered this year more than ever from the lack of devoted leadership. I do not hesitate a moment to pay tribute to those few young women who have given generously their time, and what is more important, their thought. But they have been, and are, too few. One of the matters which I shall recommend to the attention of the Standing Committee is the condition of our religious education work.

In my report last year I mentioned the decline in church attendance and attempted to analyze some of the possible reasons. Apparently my attempt was too weak for attendance has continued to fall. The average for 1942 was 75.

Now I will mention two causes for rejoicing. First our benevolence giving has increased markedly. This increase is due primarily to the number of you who have recently begun making a steady gift in envelope every week. I hope you will all be able to do that now and soon, in greater numbers and in greater amounts. It is really needed. You have heard too from the Treasurer's report that our financial condition is an unsubstantiated good.

Another cause for rejoicing is the relationship with the Church in Scotland which is growing up through the services of your minister. I hope this association may become closer as the year passes. It can be a real source of strength to both churches.

In this year of '43, we are going to have hard times, with churches less than elsewhere. The demands of the war situation will make it increasingly difficult for all churches, but particularly those in the country where so many must drive in order to attend. It is

will to remind you now that the last
 words of the O.T.A. drastically replacing the
 number of legitimate uses of the car, still
 maintain that attendance at church is an
 essential use of the car and not merely a
 matter of personal pleasure. But even so,
 we have not seen the worst yet. There
 will be more restrictions and we
 must be prepared to face them. So far as
 the support of the church is concerned,
 this means that a greater responsibility
 will fall on the shoulders of those who
 live within walking distance. It
 means too that those who are able to give
 must make unusual efforts to see that
 no one remains at home owing to lack of
 transportation if it is possible to bring him in.

The new situation also brings from the
 necessity of developing a basic Christian
 life which has been seriously forgotten
 and sadly neglected in recent years, the
 Christian family. Of this I shall have much to
 say in the coming months.

Finally, in the day of trouble, be strong;
 in the dull days, be secure; at all times, be
 firm in your faith. To whom I address you.

Report of the W. H. L. Group.

The W. H. L. Group has not been idle
 during the first year of World War II.
 Red Cross sewing has been the order of our
 monthly meetings.

During the year the following projects have
 been undertaken:

a. Three food sales.

b. The men's club guest night supper.

c. Gift sale and tea at Christmas.

We have contributed money to the
 church, the W. S. C., the Red Cross, and to

no one custom have paid for the Bibles for the Sunday School.

During the year of 1882 when war work and Church work have been so closely related, the Witches Group has not been found wanting in its loyalty to Church and Nation.

Respectfully Submitted

Walter W. Ladd

Secretary of the Witches Group.

Report of the Trustees

To the Pastor and members of the First Congregational Church of Springfield, Greetings;

The trustees make this, its annual report. It organized, electing James H. Blair as Chairman and William H. Spencer as Clerk. The business of the year has been largely routine, as was carried off in what seemed the best manner advisable.

On October 30th the trustees found it necessary to accept with regret the resignation of Elder H. Campbell as organist and they decided to put the matter of choosing his successor up to the church itself.

On November 12th the budget was drawn up which was essentially the same as last year except that they decided to make a decided effort to pay off the 99-year mortgage on the church.

The trustees wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all who helped toward the success of the efforts of the church during the year and to especially mention our thanks to Elder Campbell who has done so much for the church in the past year.

Respectfully yours,

William H. Spencer

L. B. S.
report

Report of Ladies Benevolent Society

January - voted to give the price of a cord of wood to the church.

Also not to buy any products as the cheese which was purchased was a fraud.

Former L. B. S. members made honorary members.

Each member asked to give a dollar.

February Voted to buy a \$50.00 State Bond.

History of L. B. S. Mass read by Mrs. Helen McLeod.

Old records of past meetings to be put into vault with other Church books.

March - Election of Officers:

Pres. - Esther Tucker

1st. Pres. - Jean Hayward

Sec. - William Brown

Treas. - Gertrude Moore

Mrs. Emerson gave a talk on her work in the South.

Mrs. Helen McLeod gave articles of clothing to be sold.

April Voted to send \$5 to the Hampden County Council of Congregational Women.

Monte Carlo St. Hist. \$6.25

May Voted to send \$10 to the St. John's Missionary Society in Amherst, Mass.

June Anniversary breakfast at the Church

Voted to keep sugar under lock & key.

Voted to give a bathinette

to a mother for her first baby and
a chance to the second child

July 1 - Special meeting for lawn party
" 30 " " " "

Aug. Lawn Party \$22.46

Sept. Lillian Brown resigned as
Secretary and Mabel Horton elected
Voted to buy a chemical toilet
for the church.

Nov. \$50 to mortgage of parsonage.
Sold of wood \$5.00

Oct.

Nov. Appeal from Flint Graded
Hospital at New Orleans for bed
clothes, slippers and phonies.
Meetings to be held in homes
instead of church for the
remainder of the winter
Lack by Dr. St. Barton of the
Uplands Sanatorium.

Dec. A committee appointed to raise
money for the class.

Letters of thanks to the Min.
Club for their sugar
Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted
Mabel Horton Sec'y

Feb. 28, 1943

Clarence B. Brown acted as chairman of a brief church meeting held following the service on Sunday Feb 28th 1943. Mrs. Landon was chosen secretary for the time.

Mrs. Landon reported for the committee recently appointed that Mrs. Mary Thorby has consented to be clerk of Springfield Church if the church so wishes.

Voted to accept the committee's report. Mrs. Thorby was immediately nominated.

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Thorby and she was duly elected.

A request from the members of the Dalton Methodist Church asking that Mrs. James O. Dodge's membership be transferred from Springfield to the Dalton was discussed.

Voted that request be granted and a letter of transfer be given Mrs. Dodge.

Mr. McFadden presented an invitation from the Spring Hills Church for pastor and delegate to attend convention and ordination of Mr. Luther Howe on March 1, 1943. As it was not certain who could attend.

Voted that matter of delegate be left in the hands of the Pastor.
Meeting adjourned.

Robert B. Fairce
Sec. Bro. Lom.

MAR. 2, 1943

A letter of transfer for Gladys Campbell Dodge from the Springfield Congregational Church to the Broad Brook Methodist Church was read and requested at a meeting of the Church on Feb. 28th.

Apr. 4, 1943

Flowers at the Church Service were in memory of Mr. F. Edgar Brown who died Sat. Apr. 3.

Apr. 18, 1943

A short meeting was held after the morning service to vote on the membership of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Silvius by letter and Mrs. Philip T. Brown by ~~for~~ profession of Faith.

Mary Morby and Mrs. Bertie Campbell were elected as delegates to the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers to be held May 2 at 2:45 p.m. at the First Church in Springfield. If Mrs. Campbell is unable to attend, Mr. Campbell was elected as an alternate.

Sunday Thurs.

Apr. 22, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Silvius were received as members of the Springfield Church by letter from the Broad Brook Methodist Church of New Jersey, and Mrs. Philip T. Brown was received by ~~for~~ profession of Faith.

The 17th Annual meeting of the Hampden County Council of Congregational Women was held in the Emmanuel Cong. Church in Springfield on Friday Apr. 30th. Delegates attending were, Mrs. Helen

MacLeod, Mrs Ruby Smith, Mrs Hester Sherman, Mrs Zacharese Ladd and Mrs. Mabel Horton.

The annual meeting of The Hampden Association of Minister and Churches was held at the First Church in Springfield on Sunday May 2nd at 2:30. Delegates were Mr. B Campbell and Mrs. Mary Storby. Miss Ethel Spooner and Mr. MacLeod also attended.

Aug. 25.
1943.

Harriett Tarbell, organist, concluded her services today and Mrs. Mary Storby was appointed as her successor.

Aug. 1

A meeting of the Standing Comm was called after the services today to discuss the prospects of reorganizing the Sunday School.

Aug. 15

A meeting of the Standing Comm. was called after the services today to discuss further on the Sunday School idea.

Sept. 2.

The standing committee met at the parsonage to discuss a way to bring parents and others interested to a group meeting at the church at some near date to organize teachers, ideas, etc. pertaining to a new Sunday School.

Oct. 10, 1943 A short meeting was held after the morning service to vote on the transfer of Mr. Edward Spooner to the First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mrs. Pauline Hatch and Mrs. Hester Sherman were also voted as delegates to attend the Hampden County Council of Congregational Ministers and Churches at Hope Church in Springfield.

Oct. 22, 1943 The 18th semi-annual meeting of the Hampden County Council of Congregational Women was held at the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, Mass. on Friday Oct. 22, 1943. Attending from Brimfield were Mrs. Helen MacLeod, Mrs. Ruby Smith, Mrs. Lillian Brown, Mrs. Mabel Horton and Mrs. Mary Worby.

Oct. 31, 1943 At a brief meeting after the morning service Mrs. Vernon Horton was voted on to be taken into the church by ~~profession~~ profession of Faith and Mrs. Harold MacConnell by letter from

Nov. 28, 1943 A brief meeting was held after the morning service to vote on the transfer of Mrs. Gardner Norcross to the Congregational Church in Thetford, Vt.

Dec. 26, 1943 A meeting was held after the church services to advance the annual meeting two weeks later than usual. Mr. MacLeod to announce the date as soon as possible.

Jan 12, 1944

Normal

MEETING

The annual meeting and roll call of the First Evangelical Church was held at the church on Thursday evening Jan 12th 1944. Dr. Lawrence Brown Moderator presided.

The roll call showed 7 present and 17 others sent responses. The membership was reported as follows:

Memberships Dec. 31, 1943

Male 32 Female 60 Total 92

Conversions

By letter 1 2 3

Conf of Faith 3 2 2

33 60 93

By letter 0 2 2

By letter 1 2 3

32 60 92

The Clerk's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as follows:

Cash Balance Jan 1, 1943 \$212.25

Bridge 1,387.42

Bridge for payment of Oct 18.15

Rev. Collection 297.42

Investment Income 671.25

Envelope payment 3.45

Encourage Plant 30.50

Balance 225.02

3,632.14

\$3,914.19

Expenses

Factor 1440.00

Expenses 30.00

Expenses 32.00

Expenses 20.00

Expenses 64.50

Expenses 26.52

Food	174.56
Shoes	12.50
Meals	12.50
Charities	12.50
Laundry, Hairdressing	12.50
Transportation, Passage, Fare	12.50
Excursion of "What"	12.50
Miscellaneous	12.50

Back Balance, Dec. 31, 1943

12.50

12.50

12.50

Disbursements Expenses

Anniversary Fund	12.50
Postage, Freight & Supplies	12.50
Travel	12.50
Supper, Post, Book, Rent	12.50
Telephone	12.50
Travelling Expenses	12.50
Post & Express Charge	12.50
	12.50

The Pastor's Report 1943

Pastor's
Report

In this my first report as your Pastor, I cannot begin without thanking God for the opportunity to live and serve in this lovely New England village and for the devotion of the loyal few who, Sunday after Sunday have not failed in their duty to worship God. Neither bad weather nor the pressure of their personal affairs has kept them from God's house. I would never have the continual presence of those few who are great sources of irregular attendance. From a purely financial point of view, we are dependent to a large extent on the gifts of those who are present weekly.

of it all. But it should be said
that without the loyal give share
contribution to the church in the support
of their education and their prayers are
the foundation upon which the
local church is built.

The outstanding event of the past
year has been the reorganization of the
Sunday School. As some of you know
the school has been slowly going
down till it has practically stopped
going. It was a sad sight to see the
pew for the purpose of our children
and at that time the condition of
the school was such that there
was a great deal of work to be done
before it could be brought back to its
former position. A large enough
number of children volunteered to
make up a kind of staff of
volunteers. The board of education
and the church have together
effort of cooperation and loyalty
thrust all of them forward and
asked for leaders. This is the
situation.

All of us are speaking of the
Sunday School as having a reorganization
to make which may require revision
of the system. We shall not be able
to not exist. I thought that I should
like to have you thinking about
it. It is the purpose of the Sunday School
is not an integral part of the church
organization in spite of the fact
that one of the church's prime
missions is to provide Christian education.
I think especially the only connection
between school and church was
in the church's recognition of the
Sunday School's choice of organization
and the church's part in the school.
Finally, the organization of the

church there was no provision for the Sunday School. For the last ten years the church has assumed responsibility for the school, but the content of the course was not sound and the budget for religious education was \$1.00. I believe we should go further. I suggest that we refer to the Board of the Standing Committee the supervision of religious education. This would mean that the Standing Committee would be responsible for providing teachers and officers for seeing that the physical equipment of the school is kept in good repair and up to date. They should be empowered to make recommendations to the trustees when extra funds are needed. They should have power to appoint all teachers and officers necessary for the support of the school except the superintendent. This power for this affair should be submitted to the church members for confirmation.

I want to recommend the change as strongly as I can because Christian education is one of the most important tasks of the church. It seems clear that the church should formally assume responsibility for it.

It holds we are facing a big change in the by-laws which is one other suggestion which should be considered and I am sure you have felt that the end of December or the beginning of January is a good time for the

and courage and faith in their work.

The pastor's report was read by
Rev. William M. MacLeod and accepted

Readers Report of Ladies Benevolent Society
Snoqualmie Ch. - voted to have the secretary write
Society letter to Mrs. Bush advising her to
return money on the soap charges, on
legal procedure would be taken.

Wrote to you to forward the church
expenses to be taken from your quarterly
for general expenses.

At the meeting no officers were elected
Blessed Edition of officers.

Rev. Wm. MacLeod

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Wrote to you to the Red Cross to
send you five flowers for anyone in
the hospital and at the front gardens
at home.

A much demonstration was held at
the time.

April Voted to have a good sale on
April 17th at the first office.

Voted to send flowers to any soldier
sick in the hospital and cards to
those at home.

There were and some flowers
offered to clean the church for Easter.

May Treasurer George L. B. notified
from your wife and was from the
Church party held on May 1st.

Voted that the treasurer notify
at all those who were three months
or more behind in payment of dues.

June no meeting

July no meeting

Aug. no meeting.

Left home to keep the dues at 25 a month
 dues to clean the church. Helen Margaret
 asked everyone who was interested in the
 Sunday School to meet at the church Sept. 24
 Voted to sponsor a 4-H Project which included
 ship coverings, clothing, renovation, Christmas gifts
 and suggestions for lunch boxes at an open
 meeting. Voted to have a Harvest Supper
 Voted to have a program committee to outline
 the program for the coming year
 Voted to have a group for the ship coverings
 enjoyed at this meeting

A group of 100 people were given to
 those who cleaned the church

The committee for the Harvest supper
 reported that it would be given on
 Sept. 25 with a fancy dress ball and
 a good day after the supper. Dr. MacLeod
 gave an interesting talk on 'International
 Cooperation'

Then Voted to make communion tables
 and to sell for the Hunt Woodlodge
 Hospital. Voted to send some cloth and
 soap to the hospital with letters and ask
 the hospital to send back some from the
 hospital of the Hunt Woodlodge.

The following were in the room during
 the following activities
 Helen Gordon Sec.

Walter Foster read the report of
 the Ladies' Benevolent Society and
 it was accepted.

A review of the Ladies' Group
 The Ladies' Group has carried on
 during 1943 in spite of transportation
 difficulties. The group has contributed
 \$100.00 to the church \$75.00 of this going
 to the debt retirement and \$25.00 to the church.

and her interest - Being out of church.
Meeting adjourned

Apr. 30

1944

Resignation of our pastor, Norman M. MacLeod read during the morning service. Mr. MacLeod announced his acceptance as Chaplain to the Navy.

May 7

1944

Special meeting of the members of the church at the close of the morning service to act upon the resignation of Mr. MacLeod. As it was considered the best thing to do his resignation was accepted with deep regret.

May 8

1944

A reception was tendered to Rev. & Mrs. Norman M. MacLeod at the Church. The room was beautifully decorated and a luncheon was held in front of the Church school.

A song book was presented to Mr. MacLeod ^{by the choir} also a gift from the ^{Evangelical Society} was presented by Mrs. Ed. Howard. John Sherman presented a silver service from the choir.

Mr. Howard sang several solos. Chaplain & Mrs. Charles ^{MacLeod} from the Evangelical Church of America were present. Also Mrs. Clark - Thomson, Mrs. Rodney - ^{Thomson}, Mrs. Hughes - ^{Thomson}.

July 12 Sunday School, some 100 at
public school 100 to present.

July 23 The South Western of the South Congregational
Church preached today. A short business
meeting was called at the close of the
service to ratify the action of the
trustees upon the purchase of the
house property as a parsonage. It was
left in the hands of the trustees to do as
they see fit. A motion was made, ^{and seconded} to
sign a letter permitting the trustees,
The Lifford to borrow \$1000 from the
church bank without security from
the church. The current property formerly
used as the parsonage to be sold if possible
and if not to be rented. The clerk
was requested to write to the John Manter
of this change.

Sept. A reception to Rev. & Mrs. Manter
was given in the church vestry.

Dec. 24 A candlelight service was held at

Dec. 13 A short business meeting was
held after the services to discuss the
service of recognition to be held on
Dec. 10th.

According to rule the announcement
of this recognition service was given during
the services which is one week before the service

Minutes of

ASSOCIATION MEETING OF REV. JOHN G. MASTERS, Springfield, Mass., Dec. 12, 1944

Pursuant to lettersmissive issued by the First Congregational Church of Springfield, Massachusetts and the Holland Congregational Church of Holland, Massachusetts, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Western Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, bearing the date of November 27, 1944, an Associational Council convened in the house of worship of the Springfield Church at 4:00 p.m., on December 12, 1944, to examine the credentials of Rev. John G. Masters and the action of the churches, and if deemed advisable to proceed with the churches in a service of recognition of him as minister of the two churches.

The Moderator, Sidney F. Law, presided and the letter missive was read by the Secretary, Rev. Kenneth T. Sidney.

After personal greetings to the two churches were expressed by the Moderator, the roll of the Council was made up, which, completed, is as follows: Samuel Palmer Tibbels, Rev. Glenn E. Douglas, Rev. Sam F. Libby, Rev. Sam F. Libby; Welles, Second, Rev. Albert J. Pomeroy; Lowell, Third Church, Rev. Kenneth T. Sidney, Rev. Alice L. Hoyt, Rev. Kenneth Sidney, Rev. J. Albert Clark; Welles, Second, Rev. Frank Hughes; Springfield, First, Rev. William T. McCormack; Mr. Sidney F. Law; Springfield, Second, Rev. Kenneth Brooks; West Springfield, Hittinsburg, Rev. Charles E. Hight also Rev. Dr. Hilda L. Ives of Antioch Divinity Theological School, Boston, Mass., and Rev. James A. Yee of the Congregational Church in South Boston, Mass. On the motion of Rev. Frank Hughes, voted that the following four members of the Springfield District Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of which the Holland Church is a member be invited to sit as auditors with voting privileges: Rev. Nelson D. Sawyer of First Congregational Church; Rev. Charles E. Elias of West Springfield; Rev. Lester E. Stone of the Federated Church in Warren and Mr. Albert Williams, also of Warren. Others of the honorary members were Rev. and Mrs. E. Henry Willoughby of the Federated Church in Brockton, Connecticut.

The Moderator called upon Rev. Pomeroy to lead the Council in prayer.

The records of the Springfield Church were presented by Mrs. Mary W. Gorty certifying to the accuracy of the roll of the Council. Voted, that this record be deemed satisfactory.

The candidate then presented evidence of his training at Yale University and at the Yale Theological Seminary, the actual diplomas not being available because they were not yet unpacked. He is a member of this Association. Voted, that this evidence be deemed satisfactory.

The candidate then read a paper on "The Responsibility of the Local Ministry," a copy of which he was further examined by various members, by roll call. At the conclusion of this examination it was voted, that the examination be arrested and that the Council be by itself. The Council being by itself, it was voted, that the examination be sustained and that the Council proceed with the two churches in the service of recognition for Rev. John G. Masters. The roll was then called and vote taken by individual expression. After many phrases of commendation and words of praise both for the paper and the evident devotion of the candidate, the Moderator declared the examination to be unanimously sustained. The Council was pleased to have Dr. Hilda Ives speak about the background and work of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Master in larger-portion in Maine.

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It was then voted, that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to notify the candidate and to consult with him regarding the public service of recognition.

The minutes of the Council were read, corrected and approved.

The committee returned with Rev. Manter, who was presented by the chairman of the committee and who in turn presented the following order of service, which was adopted:

Organ Prelude, "Open Portals" Lien
A Statement by the Scribe Rev. Kenneth T. Widney
Processional Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Call to Worship, by Rev. Kenneth Brookes
Scripture Lesson, by Rev. James E. Yee
Antiphon, "Is, a Voice to Heaven ascending" Northmanly
Sermon, by Rev. Milda L. Ives, D.D.
Recognition hymn "O Manter let us talk with Thee"
Charge to the Pastor, by Rev. E. Story Eldreth
Charge to the People, by Rev. Inoch Hughes
Recognition Prayer, by Rev. Inoch Hughes
Doxology
Antiphon, "Merciful Saviour, Come and be thy Comfort"
Hight Hymn of Fellowship, by Rev. Kenneth T. Widney
Recessional Hymn "God send us men whose aim it will be"
The Benediction, by Rev. John G. Manter
Choral Response
Organ Postlude, "Sortie" Mallard

It was voted, that the scribe complete the minutes and deliver copies of the same to the proper persons and places.

It was voted, that at the conclusion of the evening service the Council be dissolved.

It was voted, that the Council recess until 7:30 p.m.

The Council convened at 7:30 p.m. and conducted the public service of Recognition in accordance with the foregoing program, after which the Council dissolved.

December 10, 1944

Sidney F. Law, Moderator
Rev. Kenneth T. Widney, Scribe
Attested:

Kenneth T. Widney

Dec. 10

A service of recognition for the Rev. John G. Manton was held on Sunday evening.

During the afternoon the Hampden County Ministers and delegates from the Hampden County Council held a meeting to hear Mr. Manton's letter on "His duties as a Country Minister". The Council was left in session and when finished, and Mr. Manton was asked on to leave it, a buffet supper was served and at 7:30 the recognition service began.

Dec. 17

^{Sunday} Christmas was observed during the morning service, the Sunday School ~~taking over the reading~~ acting "Why the Chinese sang". In the evening the Pilgrim Fellowship gave a play "The Empty Room".

Dec. 24

A candlelight service was held at 7:30. Carols were sung in the Community, and Mr. Spooner furnished the school bus. A lunch was then served in the church.

JAN. 5, 1945

The annual meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield was held on Friday evening Jan. 5th, 1945 at 7:30 P.M. in the church vestry. Reports were read and accepted from Rev. John G. Manton, William D. Spooner, clerk of trustees, Mrs. Ladd Secy. of the Fidelis Group, Mrs. Horton Secy. of the Ladies Benevolent Society and a report of the church membership from the clerk.

Mr. Clarence Brown acted as moderator.
~~Mr. Gifford's report was sent in at a later date.~~

The election of officers were as follows:

Moderator - Clarence Brown
 Clerk - Mary Worby
 Treasurer - Frank Gifford
 Auditor - George Hitchcock
 Trustee - Roe Clark
 Deacon - Clarence Brown
 Supt. of S.S. - Ruth Mantie
 3 members of Standing Comm.
 Mrs. Wester Sherman
 Mrs. Mabel Peirce
 Miss Ethel Spooner.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk's
 Report.

Male.	33	Female	59	Total	92
Admissions					2
By Letter	2				94
Conf. of Faith					0
					94
Removal by Death					2
				Total	92

Trustees
 Report.

The Trustees organized with Mr. Blair as chairman and William J. Spooner as Clerk.

In considering repairing the parsonage in anticipation of the coming of Rev. Mr. Mander + family, after careful consideration, we decided to recommend that the church purchase the Percy Moore property for that purpose. The necessary steps were taken. We feel that

The Church has bettered itself greatly by acquiring this property.

The old parsonage has been offered for sale but as no credible buyers would offer our price we have leased it.

We have gone over the budget, of which you will elsewhere have an account and decided to solicit by mail as far as possible in order to save auto mileage as much as we can.

We wish to express our thanks to all the organizations and individuals who have helped to make this a successful year.

Respectfully submitted
William J. Spooner
Clerk of Trustees.

Fidelis
Group
Report.

In spite of handicaps the Fidelis Group has carried on and has been able to give financial aid to the Church for running expenses.

At the April meeting the following officers were elected.

President. Mrs. Stegner
Vice Pres. Mrs. J. H. Brown
Treasurer. Mrs. Tarbell
Secretary. Mrs. Ladd.
Flower Fund Chairman. Mrs. Whitten.

The Group has whole heartedly contributed to various activities of the Church and town, such as: the Farewell Reception to Mr. & Mrs. MacLeod, the reception to Mr. & Mrs. Manter and the Recognition Service, also the Red Cross.

In July a luncheon meeting was held at the home of our president Mrs. Stegner. This meeting took the form of a farewell party for Mrs. MacLeod. A very lovely hour wrought sterling pin

was presented to her from the group
 Respectfully submitted.
 Richarine H. Ladd.
 Secy. of the Fidelis Group

Ladies
 Bazaar
 Society

Jan. 3.- Voted to give \$10 to the Church to be paid quarterly and also to buy a cord of wood. Voted to send \$10 to the Mass Cong. Conf. Miss. Society; \$5 for the Second Mile and \$5 to the Hampden County Council of Cong. Women.

Feb. 10.- Voted to buy new cloth to be used for making of communion cloths for the men in the service. A nominating committee was appointed at this time. Mary Lawrence, Isabelle Sparrow and Ira Almus were on this committee.

March 7. Election of officers were held with the following officers being elected pres. Jean Hayward Vice Pres. - Pauline Hatch, Sec. Mabel Horton, Treas. Gertrude Moreau.

Voted to give \$15 to the Red Cross.

April 13 - Helen MacLeod reported that the linen was ready to be made into altar cloths. Voted to donate \$15 for choir robes. Mrs. Robert Chandler, our guest speaker gave a very interesting talk on "Experiences in North China".

June 11 - It was reported that \$68 was made at the Alumni dinner. Boxes were packed for the Flint Goodrich Hospital and Pleasant Hill Academy. An announcement was made that the Red Cross needed help on surgical dressings. Voted to give Helen MacLeod \$10 for postage on Mission boxes.

July - (Bazaar) (none)

Aug. (Lemon Party) (none)

Sept. 21 - A committee of one was appointed to ask the Fidelis Class to join with us.

Each member was asked to bring a dish
cowl to the next meeting. A letter of thanks
was read from Pleasant Hill Academy for
the boxes that were sent to them. Voted to
have a Harvest Supper Nov. 4th.
was named chairman of the supper. Voted to
have a program committee to make up
the program for the coming year. Picked
Mantel, Mary Worby, Ethel Spooner, Jean Hayward,
and Madell Norton to be on this committee.
Voted that the L.B.S. Class put on a buffet
supper on Nov. 26th.

Nov. 7. Voted to help Pleasant Hill Academy
and Fort Berthold, the Indian Mission as
much as possible this year. Voted to have
a Christmas party and invite the Fidelis
Class and all the teachers. Voted to change
the By-laws in Article 5 Section 2 to
read as follows:

Annual meeting to be held at the
June meeting instead of the March meeting;
and Article 4 under election of officers
to read as follows: All officers shall be
elected by ballot at annual meeting
and shall assume office at the Sept.
meeting.

Dec. 4. A Christmas party was held
with Carols being sung, games being
played and gifts exchanged. Voted to
send clothing to Fort Berthold Mission.

Respectfully submitted
Madell Norton, Secy.

Treasurers
Report.

The year 1974 was an encouraging one
financially as well as a financially active
one.

During the year, three bonds held by
the Church as investment were called for
payment: \$1,000. Truett Co. 4% and

\$2,000. Illinois Light & Power 5% (payment of 30% of the principal of another bond amounting to \$300 was received. The Church also received a bequest of \$828.28 from the Estate of F. Edgar Brown.

Of the above sum \$3,100. was paid the Palmer National Bank to apply on the Parsonage Ren Construction Loan reducing that indebtedness to \$500. The balance together with \$400. current funds was used to purchase nine shares of American Telephone common stock for investment, which at the price paid will yield approximately 5 1/2% income.

As authorized by vote of the Church members your treasurer borrowed \$4,000. from the Palmer National Bank and purchased the Percy Moore property for a Parsonage, it being the intention of the Trustees to sell the former Parsonage for enough to liquidate the Church's indebtedness at the bank. However, this plan did not materialize, so the Trustees voted to rent the quarters formerly occupied by Mr. MacLeod and family until such time as the property could be sold to advantage. The Church is receiving \$57.50 per month rental for the property at present and it is hoped that this rental money, after necessary repairs and upkeep, may be used to reduce the indebtedness as possible.

In closing I want to express my thanks to the members of the Ladies Benevolent Society for their donations to the Church during the year amounting to nearly \$100.

Respectfully submitted
 Mark S. Lister, Treas.

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RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES, 1944.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1944	\$	\$316.17
From Pledges	\$1,603.99	
Plate Collections	392.81	
Bonds redeemed	3,420.00	
From Invested Funds	805.68	
Envelope Payment	4.05	
Parsonage Rent	417.50	
Benevolences	191.74	
Loan Palmer National Bank	4,000.00	
Bequest, Est. F. Edgar Brown	828.28	
Sale of Bible	1.50	
Collected for Choir Robes	55.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,041.72

EXPENDITURES

Salaries:		
Minister	\$1,062.50	
Supply Pastor	205.00	
Organist	150.00	
Janitor	150.00	
Interest	175.50	
Light	18.94	
Fuel	112.00	
Insurance	231.17	
Music	13.44	
Benevolences	215.24	
Parsonage Repairs	358.21	
Parsonage Taxes	62.00	
Purchase Moore Property	4,000.00	
Payment on re-construction loan	3,100.00	
Funds Invested	1,449.40	
Miscellaneous	329.99*	
	<hr/>	11,633.39
Cash on hand December 31, 1944		408.33
		<hr/>
		\$12,041.72

* Miscellaneous Expenses

Communion supplies 1943	5.00	Postage, printing, etc	23.56
" 1944	5.00	Care Church grounds	64.55
Membership tax (2 yrs)	30.08	Annuity Fund	26.31
Unit Plan Debt of Honor	50.00 -	Deposit box rent	6.00
Choir Robes	58.93	Mimeograph purchased	39.50
Bibles	11.00	Banks service charge	4.22
Collection expense	5.84		

— 1944 —

Report of the Brimfield Church School.

this report is only for the months of
September through December nineteen forty
four, while I have been superintendent.

The Sunday School opened this Fall with
the following officers and teachers:

Superintendent - Ruth Warner

Asst. Supt. - Ethel Spooner

Primary Supt. - Mabel Horton

Asst. "

Primary teacher - Gladys Lawrence

Beginner teacher - Barbara Wood

Junior teacher - Mrs. MacConnell

Asst. " " - Helen Reinheimer - acting Secy. & Treas.

Intermed. teacher - Mrs. Soley

High School teacher - Mrs. Warner

Adult " - Miss Spooner

Pianist - Mary Morby

We have an enrollment of fifty nine at
present and have an average attendance of 44.

We have had two teachers' meetings and
have met to plan with ~~Miss~~ several
teachers for their particular classes. I
have also visited various classes. It is
my plan to supervise the teaching
and meet for conferences with
individual teachers and hold meetings for
the entire staff of teachers at least once
a quarter.

We hope to beautify the primary room,
to start a Sunday school library of
suitable religious books, and to plan some

way of meeting the unchurched children in
 attending school, also to start a Grades Ball Dept.
 & the Sunday School presented a Christmas
 program in the Church Service on Dec. 17, 1944,
 and invited the Community to a Christmas
 party in December. In the second
 year of the school, a staff of teachers had added
 and we expect to see the following year the number of work
 financial Report of the Sunday School

Offerings:

Spent out	
Edgemoor	20.41
Wm. Small for	11.00
Wm. Small for	
Wm. Small for	
Spent offering	7.10
for Home for	
Little Mother	
Christmas party	
Wm. Small for	1.00
Wm. Small for	
Wm. Small for	
Christmas party	

Speaking for the trustees, Mr. Gifford explained that they had voted to sell the old parsonage and on motion by him, it was voted, that the Church sell the old parsonage property to Roger Davis for \$4,750. and that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sign a deed in behalf of the Church, conveying said property.

For your records.

F. J. G.

1144
Sunday
Mar. 26
1945

At a meeting of the church members, it was voted to send the pastor & Clarence Brown to a meeting in Platte to appoint a delegate from District #1 to the General Council in June at Grand Rapids, Michigan. This meeting in Palmer was for the Session of all Congregational Churches in District #1

March
28 1945

Mrs. Harley Landen, Mrs Ruth Fiske and Helen Reinheimer were received by letters into the Brumfield Congregational Church during the morning service. Also received by confession of Faith were Phyllis Sherman and Clifford Guerin. These members were voted on at a meeting of the church members prior to this service.

June 3
1945

The following children were baptized during the morning service.

Fathy Landen, Robert Curwood Silvius, Sandra Faye Carter, Dorothy Agnes Brown, Marion Edith Morrell and Franklin Lawrence Hastings.

Sept. 30.
1945

A business meeting was held after the morning service and it was voted that the old parsonage be sold to Roger Davis for \$4750.00.

Ethel Spooner and Alma Bissell substitute were appointed delegates to West Springfield to attend the Fall Meeting of the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches on October 17th at 2:30 P.M.

It was also voted to accept the following on confession of Faith -

Fredricia Lawrence
Agnes Van Hook
Joanne Matheson
Lillian Worby
Frederick Worby
Joan Goetze.

Also voted to accept Mr. & Mrs. Hugh MacGillivray and Miss. Edith Lema Cook by Letter -

Mrs. Harold Goetze accepted on Reaffirmation of Faith.

Robert MacGillivray - Formerly taken on by Navy Chaplain -

Oct 7.
1945

All persons voted upon at the Sept. 30th meeting were ~~accepted~~ accepted into the Brimfield Congregational Church today.

Dec. 2
1945

A short meeting of the church members was held after the morning service to ~~vote~~ ^{vote} upon adopting a sacrificial offering each Sunday and also upon the use of duplex envelopes for missions and home expenses. These were accepted.

A Letter of Thanks was read from Mrs. Blair for flowers received from the Church for Mr. James Blair.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church of Burnfield was held in the church vestry at 8 o'clock meeting in the evening on Friday January 11, 1946. Mr. Clarence Brown presided as moderator Jan. 11, 1946 with 26 members present.

The clerk's report was read by Mrs. Mary Stetson as follows:
Beginning Jan. 1, 1945 - Dec. 31, 1945.

Male	33	Female	64	Total	97
Communion					
First	1	5			6
2nd of Feb	3	7			10
Total	37	Total	76	Total	113
Baptism					
First	1	0			1
2nd	2	1			3
Total	34	Total	76	Total	709

The treasurer's report was then read by Mr. Frank Gifford & accepted.

There was no auditor's report given at this date.

Rev. John H. Munter's report was then read and accepted.

It was then suggested that the annual meeting be changed to the 1st Friday following Easter but by a majority vote it was decided to leave it at the first of the year.

There was a unanimous vote in favor of a cross and candlesticks or vases to be used in front of the pulpit.

Mrs. Ruth Munter read the report of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Vera Silvers read the report of the Ladies Benevolent Society.

Mrs. Bertha Brown read the report of the Ladies Group, and all of these

reports were accepted.

The Trustee report was not read at this meeting, but a short oral report was given by Clarence Brown relating to the year's business.

The following is the report on election of officers for the year 1906.

Clerk -	Mrs. Mary Torby
Moderator.	Mr. Clarence Brown
Treasurer.	Mr. Frank A. Gifford
Auditor.	George W. Hitchcock
Trustee for 5 years -	Clarence Brown
Trustee for 4 years -	Bertie E. Campbell
Trustee for 2 yrs to take the place of Mr. 1905 -	James Blair -
Trustee - Mr.	Percy H. Moore
Standing Comm.	Ernest Lander
	Hester Sherman
	Mabel Prince
	Ethel Spooner
	Ruth Manter
Woman's Representative -	Clarence Gitch

It was voted that a report be made to the Standing Committee that the Layman be added to the Standing Committee and that a new amendment be made to the By-laws.

Mrs. Manter explained about the changes to be made by the Ladies Benevolent Society in the Church kitchen with the approval of the Trustees.

It was also left in the hands of Mr. Manter and the janitor to hold services either upstairs or downstairs until Easter according to the weather.

It was also suggested that the Committee in charge of the Post War Service try to make the goal which was the allotment for the Bonaparte but not to accept

the requested statement

Vote of thanks voted on to be extended to the members in charge of refreshments.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn

Report of Fidels Group.

The Fidels Group has completed a very satisfactory year. We have given \$100.00 to the Church \$50 of this was given in January and the other \$50 in November 1945.

We have earned our money in various ways. At our annual picnic in July we had a "white elephant" sale.

In October we held a bridge party and sale.

We continue with our yearly "innovative penny boxes" a penny for each day the sun shines.

Our project of giving bibles for the Sunday School has been continued.

The officers are the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted
 Roseanne H. Ladd
 Secretary

Ladies

Improvement Society 1945. After a successful year in 1945, the Ladies Improvement Society is looking forward to another in 1946.

Not many projects were undertaken because of war restrictions, etc.

The Missionary projects for the year included boxes sent to Pleasant Hill Academy and to

To Church

We contributed \$5.00 to the Red Cross. Also our regular quarterly contributions of \$20.00 each to the Church.

Two suppers were put on during the year and two plays are being rehearsed for the near future.

We are planning to make a start next year on remodeling the Church kitchen.

Respectfully submitted
 Barbara Mason
 Secretary

Pastor's
 Report
 for
 1945

Rev.
 Mr. M.

As we look back over the year, 1945, we can see much both in the life of the Church and the community to bring us satisfaction. We have seen the end of war both in Europe and in the Pacific and we are glad to see a number of young men and women returning home. You have shown your attitude of thanksgiving in many ways. I feel that one of them was the manner in which you responded to the services of thanksgiving both on VE Day and on V.J. Day. We are now reaching a time when we should no longer feel that we have to restrict the number of meetings which we hold and the Church should stand ready to launch a full program in the coming year.

For Mrs. Manter, my family and me, this year has been one of rich experience as we have learned to know you better and appreciate your fellowship. We are grateful to you for the way in which you have cooperated with us in the work of the Church and for the genuine friendship which you have extended to us.

I shall try to recall to you some of the outstanding events of the year. Early in February we had a Pilgrim Fellowship Banquet with Rev. Ernest Hurschhoff of Barre as our speaker. Although this banquet was not as well attended as we had hoped plans are being made to hold another one this year. The first Friday in Lent was observed by "The World Day of Prayer" service sponsored by the women of the Church. Although many felt that this service deserved a larger attendance it was gratifying that a good number did respond to this important service in the Church year. This year the Standing Committee are recommending that the service be held in the evening and again be sponsored by the women of the Church. The Holland and Brimfield Churches united for a communion service at this Church on Holy Thursday. At this time Mrs. Ruth Fiske was received into the fellowship of our Church by letter. I feel that this service is one in which we might yearly join in fellowship with the Holland Church and that it might be well for us to go to Holland this year. Easter Sunday was ushered in by a Sunrise Service at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deland. The regular Morning Service was well attended with a congregation of about one hundred sixty. This is a goal toward which we might well strive for our regular congregations which are a little less than a third that number. One of the important events for the Church was the Mother & Daughter Banquet which was held in May. The Standing Committee is recommending that we hold the Banquet again this year. Mrs. Charles Nichols gave a fine address and all those who helped in the program made the event very successful. I hope it may become an

annual affair for the mothers and daughters
 of the community sponsored by the Church.
 This event should set an example for the
 men and boys of the Church and encourage
 them to have a Father and Son Banquet.
 In May and June invitations were extended
 to the Grange to observe Rural Life Sunday
 as our guests, to the American Legion and
 Auxiliary to observe Memorial Sunday and
 to the Masonic Lodge in Monson to observe
 Saint John's Sunday. All of these organizations
 very courteously accepted and we were
 happy to have them with us in a body.
 On Christmas Day the Sunday School did
 very well in taking charge of the Morning
 Service. At this service six children
 received the sacrament of baptism. During
 two weeks in July a very successful
 Vacation Church School was held under the
 leadership of Mrs. Robert Streeter, Mrs. Maister,
 Miss Shirley Hicks, Miss Elizabeth Kresser and myself.
 This was a cooperative project with Halland.
 About fifteen children came from Halland
 and twenty-five from Brimfield. We are looking
 forward to holding another such school
 next year and have already teachers in mind.
 We were very fortunate during the weeks
 of my vacation to have Prof. Robert S.
 Ellingworth, Rev. Lester E. Evans and Rev.
 William C. Prentiss to fill the pulpit. We
 observed World Wide Communion Sunday on
 October 7th and made the service even more
 meaningful to the Church by welcoming
 into our fellowship eleven new members
 bringing our membership up to 110 on
 that date. We were glad to have the American
 Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary with us
 again on Armistice Sunday. We observed the
 Harvest Festival in late October and enjoyed
 the beautiful decorations arranged by Miss
 Gladys Hebler. The Christmas season was observed

appropriately with a Family Night on Friday the 14th of December, at which time a very effective Christmas program was given by the Church School, the Morning Service on Christmas Sunday which was well supported by the music of the choir and a candlelighting service on Christmas Eve followed by the singing of carols at the homes of the shut-ins by the young people.

During the year I have tried to keep up my calling in your homes. I regret ^{that} I have not done more. I hope all of you will try to tell me when anyone is sick or in trouble so that I may call on them, or try to help them in some way.

The Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship has been meeting at the parsonage on Sunday evenings at 7:30. The young people have attended rallies at South Congregational Church, at West Springfield and in Warren. The Warren youth group were our guests in November at which time Rev. Enock Hughes of Palmer was our speaker after a fellowship supper together. The Pilgrim Fellowship has been selling neckties for the benefit of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. The group has been very small not averaging more than six in attendance at the regular meetings on Sunday evenings but I feel that those present have received some real benefit from the meetings. I think some progress has been made, but still much more can be done.

The young men are returning from the service and now I feel is the time to organize a young adult group. I shall be spending a good deal of effort in that direction in the next few weeks and I know of no better way of celebrating youth week than by the organization of such a group.

We have tried now for a year holding

the Sunday School before Church and having the Sunday School present at the first part of the Church Service. I feel that this plan is working well and I am glad to have the children with us for the first part of the morning worship. Two years ago it was suggested that Article 1, section 4 of the Constitution be changed so that instead of reading, "The annual meeting of the Church shall be held during the two weeks next preceding the first Sunday in January" that it read that the meeting be held sometime in April. I suggest that you discuss that matter further and if the majority here be in favor of such a change that an amendment be drawn up to be voted on at a special meeting after the morning service sometime in the near future to be announced on the Calendar.

I should like to call your attention to our responsibility in the Post War Emergency Program. This has set the goal for this Church at \$323 a year for the next three years for the regular missionary apportionment, and \$119 a year for the next three years for the work of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction, or a dollar a member. The first amount we are proposing to raise largely by your pledges, using the benevolent side of your duplex envelopes. I hope most of you will make a definite pledge to missions, but if some of you cannot I hope you will put at least something in the benevolent side of your envelope every Sunday. We shall probably have to depend largely on Church members to meet this responsibility, although we may receive some money from friends of the Church for this purpose. I have tried to break down into weeks what would be necessary for each individual to give in order

to reach our goal. At least forty two people will have to average fifteen cents a week, or sixty two will have to average ten cents a week, or twenty five will have to average twenty five cents a week. Some churches are trying to get more than their yearly goal out of the way the first year so that it will be easier later if the economic condition of the country grows worse. I hope that we shall be willing to accept this goal that the Hampden Association has set for us. Our Treasurer tells me that only a few have given to missions let us all try to do something so that we all can have a share in doing this very important work. The \$109 for the work of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction you have voted to meet by the Sacrificial Gift Plan which I shall explain more fully on Sunday morning, and for which I shall have envelopes then, unless some of you want to take some tonight. It is proposed that this gift be raised by your making some planned sacrifice each week so that others who have lost so much may have something. This money should be given monthly in special envelopes which are designed for this Sacrificial Gift Plan.

In view of the fact that I feel that the Cross is one of the most meaningful and powerful symbols in our Christian faith and that the Cross is being used a great deal in our Congregational churches I suggested at the recent meeting of the Standing Committee that we consult you about your attitude in securing a Cross to be used as a center of worship on the communion table.

in our Church Sanctuary. It is my feeling that in a community, such as this where we have many in our congregation who have come from other denominations that the Cross would mean much in binding us closer together. On the other hand I realize that there may be some people who for some reason or other are not in favor of the Cross used in this manner. I feel that we should have the Cross if it would aid your worship, as I think it would for many of you, but I do believe at the same time it would be a mistake to introduce it if it was not in keeping with your desire. I wanted to know your feeling before taking steps in encouraging any group within the Church or individual to give us such a Cross.

In order to make easier the election of officers I should like to suggest a proposal recently discussed at the meeting of the Standing Committee that a nominating committee of three be appointed by the Standing Committee at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting to choose a slate of officers for nomination.

During the past year we have been gratified by the welcoming of fifteen new members into our Church fellowship, but we have also been saddened by the death of two loyal and devoted members, Mr. Charles Peirce and Mr. James Blair. Although we are confident that they have been called to a closer fellowship with God they will be greatly missed and it will not be easy to take their place.

I hope and trust that by divine guidance and with minds + hearts constantly alert to Christ's spirit and example we shall go forward in our task of spreading the spirit of the Kingdom.

Report of Brimfield Sunday School
Jan. 1945 to Jan. 1946

In looking over the work of the Sunday School for the past year, we find that in addition to the regular Sunday Class sessions and worship services various activities have been carried on. On children's Day the pupils presented a program at the morning worship service of the church in which they showed some of the things they had been studying during the year.

The Sunday School closed for the months of July and August but many of our children attended the vacation Bible School during the summer.

Sunday School opened in the fall with Rally day and on this Sunday and on one other Sunday Bibles were presented to a number of pupils so that now all children of the Sunday school in the Junior or older classes have Bibles. We try to have these used in both the worship services and in the classes and encourage Bible reading at home.

Beginning last January 1944 the Sunday school has been held at Ten o'clock and the children attend the first part of the church service.

In November a parent- teachers' meeting was held. At this time Mrs. Josephine Nichols of Springfield came and gave an inspirational talk. The teachers explained their work to their pupils' parents. Altho only a few parents attended all the teachers from both Holland and Brimfield came and felt it was a worthwhile start toward more cooperation between home and church school. Mrs. Nichols has promised to come again this winter to help the teachers make a flannelograph for use in making Bible stories more real.

The teachers are meeting monthly for planning, inspiration and discussion of the Bible and methods of teaching.

The Sunday School presented their Christmas Program at the Church Family Night held in December. We were well pleased by the large number

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May 5

Miss Shirley Hicks was received into the membership of the Church by Confession of Faith.

Mrs. Bertha Harrington and Mrs. Annie Lawrence were appointed as delegates to the Hampden County Association meeting.

Sept 27

Miss Ethel Spooner and Mrs. Bertha Harrington were elected as delegates to the Fall Meeting of the Hampden Association at Litchfield.

Oct. 27

Motion was made and seconded that the Amendment of a nominating committee and for the layman's representative added to the Standing Committee to be laid aside.

Motion made and seconded that Luila Peirce, Barbara Brown and Gladys Coon be received into the membership of the Church by Confession of Faith on next Sunday November 3rd.

Nov 16

Motion made and seconded that the Moderator appoint the nominating Committee this year. Problem of nominating committee discussed at annual meeting, also moved

of parents present.

The Cradle Roll Department has been organized with Mrs. Ruby Smit as Superintendent.

The Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at Little Alum Pond. About fifty attended.

A piano was given for use in the Primary Department by the Hampden Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

We now have a combined secretary and treasurer in the person of Miss Ethel Spooner and she devoted all her time ~~on~~ of Sunday School to this important part of our work. Our records have been much improved. We now have a card file of every child in the Sunday School on which we keep information that is valuable to teachers and superintendent. Without this assistance from Miss Spooner the superintendent would have been unable to teach one of the classes for which no teacher could be found.

In presenting the record of attendance I think it helpful to divide the year.

January thru June 1945- Enrollment 55- Av. Attendance 33- Av. Contrib. \$1
\$ ~~1.96~~ 2.05

Sept. 1945 thru Dec. 1945- Enrollment 51- Av. Attend. 39-- Av. Contrib.
"\$2.59

The Sunday School continues as a World Service School with a monthly missionary offering and mission study during the year. The following service projects were carried on by the Sunday School:
Thanksgiving Offerings to Home for Little Wanderers
Christmas Packages to War Victims
Christmas Program Offering sent to Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth M. Mantor
Supt.

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seconded that the layman's representative be added to the Standing Committee.

Letters of transfer to the ~~Shawville~~ Conn. Congregational Church were granted to Rev. & Mrs. Norman M. MacLeod.

Letter of transfer from Clifford Lincoln voted on to be accepted.

Annual Meeting by a congregation singing of "The Church's One Foundation".

January 8, 1947 Scripture reading was read by Rev. John G. Mantel and, ^{he} also led the congregation in Prayer.

The Roll call was answered with 14 members present.

The Clerk's report was read ^{by Mrs. Worby} and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was not read as Mr. Frank Gifford stated in a letter that the books were taken to the auditor early in December and as Mr. Hitchcock, the auditor has been ill, was unable to make a report.

No Auditors report was read.

The Trustees report, read by William D. Spooner, was accepted.

The Pastor's report was read & accepted.

The Sunday School Supt. Report was read by Mrs. Ruth Mantel & accepted.

The Ladies Benevolent Society report was read by Ethel Spooner & accepted.

The Fidelity Group Report was read by Mrs. Horby and accepted.

A letter of resignation as duties of Treasurer was received from Mr. Frank S. Gifford. This letter is on file.

Mr. William Spooner read the report of the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Bertie Campbell asked to be resigned from his duties of as Deacon, and Mr. Everett Landen requested his name as Treasurer be drawn from the ballot and have the nominating committee search for a member who could fill Mr. Gifford's position as Mr. Landen's business makes it rather difficult for him to be in town as much as he should be.

Motion made and seconded that action be taken on all members except Treasurer & Trustee until the nominating committee could look into the matter of Mr. Gifford's resignation further. The nominating committee consists of Barbara Wood, Alice Matheson, and William D. Spooner. An amendment was made and accepted that this committee be the committee to handle the report to an adjourned session of a meeting the 1st Sunday in February. Mr. Spooner suggested Mr. Manter help the nominating committee and this was voted upon and accepted.

The following officers were voted on and accepted by a cast vote of the clerk.

Moderator -	Clarence Brown
Clerk -	Mary Horby
Treasurer.	—
Auditor	George K. Hulcheock
Trustees:	

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Trustees

Clarence Brown	4 yrs.	} already on Trustees Board not voted upon at this meeting.
Roe Clark	3 yrs.	
William Spooner	2 yrs.	
James Hatch	1 yr.	

Leavers

Bertie E. Campbell -	Emeritus
Clarence Brown.	2 yrs. } not voted
Percy Moore -	1 yr. } upon at this
Fred. Bissell -	Replacement.
Fred Worby. + yrs.	

Church School Supt. - Mrs. John Mather.
Laymen's Representative - Clarence Keith.

Standing Committee. Ethel Spooner
Mabel Peirce
Hester Sherman

New Business was then taken up.

The moderator was authorized to elect 3 members for the nominating committee for the next annual meeting.

It was voted upon that the moderator be a member ex-officio of the Standing Committee.

Voted upon that the 3 elective members of the Standing Committee not^{to} be re-elected after 3 years, and also for the Trustees not to be re-elected at the end of their term.

The Rural Workers Conference to be held in Maine in June - voted that offering on rural life Sunday or the amount of \$10.00 from funds of the church, be used to keep in sending some youth to the conference.

Motion made and seconded the annual meeting be at recess until

Committee is ready to report on
Treasurer and Trustee.

Membership Jan. 1, 1946
Male 76 Female 33 Total 109

Admission by Letter	1	0	1
Conf. Trans.	3	4	7
	<u>11</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>48</u>
Removal by Letter	2	2	4
	<u>75</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>110</u>

Loss By DEATH.

To JANUARY 1, 1947.

Trustees
Report.

Your trustees hereby make their
annual report.

Their work for the year was largely
routine but several items for the betterment
of the Church property were undertaken.
We had the church spire painted,
installed oil-burning steam heat at
the parsonage, ~~erected~~ a chimney
at the parsonage and repaired the
porch there. The driveway approaches
to the church have been hardened
with oil.

Mr. Otto Anderson was appointed as
Janitor of the church.

Mr. Wendell Phillips was employed as
chorister and under his leadership the
choir is doing fine work.

Respectfully submitted
William D. Spooner, Chm.

Fidelis
Report
for
1946

During the year 1946 the Fidelis
Group has continued to assist in
the financial aid of the church. It
has purchased the bibles for the
Sunday School and given money

for the running expenses of the church. Our group, though small in number has earned money in various ways. Our sunshine boxes continue to yield a surprising sum each year.

We had our annual picnic and white elephant sale at Little Alum Lake in July.

A series of small bridge parties helped our Treasury.

The Group gave to the annual Red Cross drive in the spring.

Respectfully submitted
 Katherine W. Ladd. Sec'y.

The Pastor's Report -

Pastor's
 Report for
 1946

Rev. John L.
 Manter

As we look back over the year 1946, in the life of the First Cong. Church of Brimfield there is much to give us a sense of satisfaction, but still we find that there is much to be done. We have just passed thru the first complete year since the ending of hostilities and enjoy in our community the presence of most of the young men and women who were away in the service. In this year we have seen a good deal of activity in changing the physical aspect of the Church property. We have witnessed the painting of the Church steeple, we have seen the surfacing of two of the driveways and the area directly in front of the Church, we have seen the planting of trees and shrubs, and in the parsonage a new heating plant has been installed and the porch roof and floor repaired. We are grateful to the assistance of the Village Improvement Society, to assistance in the surfacing of the roads, to the Grange and Miss Gladys Webber for furnishing money to buy a Norway Maple and two shrubs which have been set by the rear northeast door. The parsonage family are both grateful and enjoying pleasant and warm winter in the parsonage as a result of the oil heater and steam system.

However, as we look at the growth and loss in membership of the Church we do not observe so much progress. We have granted letters of dismissal to five members, we have received one of this number back into our fellowship by letter and we have received four into our fellowship upon confession.

of faith. This means our membership has neither increased nor decreased. Five children were baptized on Children's Day in June. We are always glad when the parents of the children bring their children to the Church and promise, seeking the help of God and his Church, to bring up their children in a Christian life. I have officiated at four weddings in the last year. I have been a part in the funerals of people who have been identified in some way with Springfield. Although, I believe, none of these were members of the Church, they will be greatly missed by the Church and the community as they have gone to their richer life beyond.

During the past year we have observed several special Sundays and held special services in the Church. Early in February we observed Youth Sunday at which time three of the young people gave the sermon and young people took complete charge of the service. Due to the fact that Youth Week comes at a very cold time of year which has greatly hindered the success of our Youth Banquet during the last two years and we have found it difficult to heat the Church we are thinking of observing Youth Week later in the season. Rev. J. Albert Clark of Monson gave the young people a fine inspiration address last year. But the number who heard him were few due to a severe storm. The Lord's Day of Prayer Service was held this year in the evening in the Church on the first Friday in June. The service was led by Mrs. Mauter and other laymen and was very well received. The Young People sponsored the Service Service on Easter and were joined by the young people from the Second Baptist Church in LaCrosse. Rev. Stanley Keach of the Church gave an inspiring Easter Message. A fine breakfast followed in the Church. Good Life Sunday was observed in May by inviting the Grange to be our guests on that Sunday morning. The patriotic organization of Sandridge, Holland and Springfield were invited to attend the Memorial Sunday service and very graciously accepted. World Wide Communion Sunday was observed in keeping with the spirit of Christian brotherhood throughout the world. The Harvest Festivities again held in October and Miss Gladys Webber very kindly accepted the responsibility for decorating the Church on this occasion.

Early in May we secured the services of Mr. Wendell Phillips as Choir Director. We are very grateful to him and the members of the choir and Mrs. Worby for their hard work in enriching the services of the Church. We were very glad to have the choir to support the service with the Cong. Church of Holland on the evening of

List of Members as of

1, 1931

When Received

How Removed

July 3, 1903	P	Adams, Adella	
May 4, 1921	L	Adams, Ainsworth Webber	Retired list 1937
" 5, 1929	P	Adams, Mildred A. Weno (Mrs. A. W.)	" " 1937
" 4, 1911	P	Adams, Kathryn Brown (Mrs. J. Asa)	By death
March 6, 1892	P	Allen, Edward B.	Retired list 1934
July 7, 1918	L	Ball, Bessie A. (Mrs. H. E.)	By death Aug. 31, 1932.
Jan. 3, 1903	L	Bissell, Alma W.	
May 2, 1897	L	Bissell, Frederick	
Jan. 3, 1903	P	Bissell, Ruth W. (Mrs. F.)	By death July 29, 1934.
May 2, 1920	P	Bissell, Lawrence Brown	Retired list
Oct. 31, 1895	L	Booth, Melvin	By death June 16, 1934.
May 2, 1897	L	Booth, Mabel (Mrs. Milton)	By letter July 1948
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Booth, Merton	Retired list 1937 (By letter)
" 30, 1925	P	Booth, Gladys Whitney (Mrs. Merton)	" " 1937 (letter Aug. 1948)
Jan. 6, 1901	L	Brown, Addie L. (Mrs. F. Edgar)	By death June 7, 1942.
July 7, 1889	L	Brown, Emma M. (Mrs. Arthur)	By death Feb. 20, 1934.
Mar. 1, 1896	P	Brown, Clarence B.	
Jan. 3, 1903	L	Brown, Jessie F. (Mrs. C. B.)	By death, Feb. 22, 1938.
Jan. 4, 1862	P	Brown, Julia T.	By death Sept. 13, 1935
Jan. 3, 1904	P	Brown, Marietta	By death June 25, 1936.
Apr. 29, 1880	P	Brown, Mary A. (Mrs. E. B.)	By death Jan. 29, 1936.
Jan. 3, 1903	L	Campbell, Bertie E.	
" 3, 1903	L	Campbell, Cora L. H. (Mrs. B. E.)	Death 1951
May 2, 1920	P	Campbell, Gladys H. (Dodge)	Letter to J. A. T. W. Methodist Church
Mar. 2, 1919	P	Campbell, Warren H.	Death 1950
" 2, 1919	P	Chandler, Herman	Retired list 1933.
May 2, 1920	P	Chamberlain, Helena M. L. (Mrs. Philip)	
Jan. 3, 1903	P	Chase, Ursula Allen (Mrs.)	By death Sept. 6, 1933.
Nov. 20, 1927	L	Clark, Ida Davenport (Mrs. Harry)	
" 20, 1927	L	Clark, Raymond	
Jan. 4, 1925	P	Collins, Gladys	died. July 17, 1943
Jan. 2, 1927	P	Crooks, Jean Peaslee (Mrs. Keith)	Retired list 1937
			Letter to Herkimer, N.Y. 7. Feb. 6, 1938
Nov. 20, 1927	P	DeForest, Flora (Mrs.)	Death
Jan. 2, 1927	P	Dockham, Catherine (Mrs. George)	Retired list

List of Members cont. - Remission from 1911.

When Received

How Removed

Nov. 6, 1906	L	Elder, Ethel W. (Mrs. E. S.)	By letter to Union Church, Spfld. Apr. 23 1939
Jan. 2, 1927	P	^{Joslin} Elder, Marie (Mrs. George)	Retired List
May 4, 1919	P	Elliott, Marion H. Madison (Mrs. Lynnwood)	Retired list 1934
Apr. 3, 1927	P	Gifford, Frank	
" 3, 1927	P	Gifford, Catherine (Mrs. Frank)	
" 3, 1927	P	Gifford, Helen (Landen)	
Jan. 1, 1928	L	Hitchcock, Mary K. (Mrs. G. E.)	
Mar. 2, 1919	P	Howes, Stanley Edward	Retired list 1934
May 3, 1925	P	Keith, Edna (Mrs.)	By DEATH.
Mar. 1, 1903	L	Kemp, Edith (Mrs.)	
Jan. 1, 1927	L	Kemp, Edith (Mrs.)	
Jan. 4, 1925	P	Knowlton, Adelaide (Mrs.)	Death July 1950
Nov. 5, 1916	L	Landen, Grace D. (Mrs. H. D.)	
May 5, 1929	P	^{Peters} Landen, May (Mrs. George)	By letter to Hope Cong. Church, Spfld. 1/25/1942
Jan. 4, 1908	L	Lawrence, Annie G. (Mrs. F. N.)	
July 2, 1916	P	Learned, Rachel J. (Mrs. James)	By letter to South Royalton, Vt. Feb. 21, '37
Apr. 3, 1927	P	Maddocks, Marie	
Sept. 5, 1909	L	Moore, May	By death. April 9, 1941.
" 7, 1924	L	Moore, Wallace P.	By death. March 28, 1939.
" 7, 1924	L	Moore, Mary (Mrs. Wallace)	By death July 19, 1942.
May 2, 1920	P	Moore, Percy Newell	
Apr. 3, 1927	L	Norcross, Gardner W.	By death - June 19, 1942.
" 3, 1927	L	Norcross, Mary H. (Mrs. G. W.)	By letter to Congregational ^{Thetford, Vt. 11/25/1942} Union Church.
May 7, 1916	L	Norcross, G. Clyde	By letter to Worcester
" 7, 1916	L	Norcross, Nellie H. (Mrs. Carl Olson)	
Jan. 2, 1919	P	Panarity, Gerina M. (Mrs. M. S.)	Retired list 1934
Jan. 4, 1914	L	Parker, Orra A. (Mrs. F. T.)	By death. Dec. 11, 1936.
July 4, 1909	P	Phillips, Ruth N. (Mrs. Louis)	
Jan. 4, 1925	L	Prescott, Harriet (Mrs.)	By death - Oct. 12, 1936.

List of Members - cont. - Revised Jan. 1, 1931.

When Received		How Removed
May 4, 1919	L Robinson, Marion Irene (Mrs. C.W.)	By death - Mar. 1943
July 1, 1908	L Robinson, Rosa G.	By death -
Mar. 12, 1922	L Royce, Maria J.	By death - Dec. 17, 1933
Nov. 5, 1916	L Sherman, Hester L. (Mrs. G. Benj.)	
Aug. 30, 1925	P Smith, Beatrice Whitney (Mrs. Dodge)	Retired list 1937.
July 4, 1915	L Spooner, William S.	By death - 1947
" 4, 1915	L Spooner, Myra F. (Mrs. W.S.)	
Mar. 2, 1919	P Spooner, Edward Howard	To First Pres. Church - Joliet, Ill., Ala. Letter of Transfer Oct. 19, 1943
July 4, 1915	P Spooner, Ethel E.	
May 2, 1920	P Spooner, Lawrence W.	Letter 11/1 1950
Mar. 2, 1919	P Spooner, Raymond H. (Dr.)	Oct. 23, 1938 By letter to 2nd Cong. Church. E. Douglas Mass.
Mar. 2, 1919	P Spooner, William D.	
Jan. 1, 1924 Apr. 7, 1925	L Stevens, Annie	By death June 2, 1936.
Mar. 1, 1896	P Streeter, Martha E.	By death Sept. 27, 1936.
Nov. 5, 1904	P Streeter, Robert J.	Joined church in Ohio
May 3, 1925	P Tarbell, Mary Anna	By death, March 13, 1933
May 2, 1920 Oct. 12, 1920	P Thibodeau, Isabel Elder (Mrs. Lebe)	Retired list
Aug. 30, 1925	P Thompson, Alice Booth	Retired list 1937.
July 2, 1916	P Thompson, Constance A. (Mrs. A.J.)	By letter to Union Church in Sp.
May 4, 1919	P VanDeusen, Jessie L.H. (Mrs. Arthur)	By letter to Jan. 26, 1936. Loyalton, Vermont
Jan. 4, 1914	P Webber, Gladys L.	
May 4, 1920	P Webber, Lucinda E. Lawrence (Mrs. B. D.)	
Mar. 2, 1919	P Webber, Frank Henry	Retired list 1933.
" 2, 1919	P Webber, Fred George	Retired list 1933.
" 1921	P Wesson, Katherine Dockham (Mrs. Norman)	
" 2, 1927	L Wheeler, Charles	By death - 1947
" 2, 1927	L Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	
Jan. 4, 1914	L Whitney, Artemas A.	By letter to California - Dec. 18, 1938. Retired list 1937.
" 4 1914	L Whitney, Bessie M. (Mrs. A.A.)	By letter to California - Dec. 18, 1938. " " 1937
Jan. 1, 1920	P Whitten, Gladys Moore (Mrs. Eugene)	
" 2, 1927	P Whitten, Irene	
July 16, 1913	P Wood, Ella M. (Mrs. J. N.)	
May 2, 1925	P Wright, Mary E. Moore (Mrs. Kenneth)	

List of Members - cont.

When Rec'd.		How Removed.
Apr. 5, 1931	P Brown, Arthur B.	Retired List 1937 (Bapt. Ch.)
" " "	P ^{Meyers} Brown, Eva Elizabeth (Betty) ^{Mrs.}	Retired List
" " "	P Evans, Ethel	Retired list 1937
" " "	P Maduri, Wanda	" " 1937.
" " "	P Mercer, Donald	" " 1937.
" " "	P ^{Thompson} Mercer, Dorothy	" " 1937.
" " "	P Parker, Homer Leonard.	
" " "	P Whitten, Everett Wallace	Retired List
Sept 4, 1932	L Carroll, Louise	By death Oct. 28, 1938.
" " "	P Laird, Gladys Hazel	Retired list ^{Letter to Agawam}
" " "	P Landen, Everett Dockham.	
" " "	P ^{Peters, (Mrs. Theodore)} Landen, Lucy	Joined Catholic Church
" " "	P Lawrence, John Cheney	By request to join Catholics. Jan. 2, 1937. Retired list 1937.
Apr. 16, 1933	P ^{Howard} (Lenti) Brown, Eleanor May.	
" " "	P ^{Craig} (Brown) Mrs. Albert E. Dorothy Elizabeth	By letter to Cong. Church Millis, Mass. 3/5/1942.
" " "	P ^{Stacy} (Brown) Mrs. Gilbert E. Naomi Florence	Retired List
" " "	L Clark, Roe Sidney	} Letter fr. Wesley M.E. Spfld Mass
" " "	L Clark, Mrs. Roe S.	
" " "	P Clark, Roe S., Jr.	Letter 1937
" " "	P ^{Wright} Phillips, Elaine Louise.	
" " "	L ^{Freda} Stegner, Mrs. Joseph.	Letter fr. Park St Park Mem. Baptist, Spfld Mass
April 8, 1934	P Brown, Arthur Edgar.	Catholic Church
" " "	P ^{Brown} Howard, Mary William	
May 6, 1934	P Keith, Clarence Howard.	
" " "	P Keith, Allen Forrest	By letter to Faith Cong. Spfld. Sept. 28, '41
" " "	P Dickinson, Claudine Edna.	Retired List
" " "	P ^(HASTINGS) Dickinson, Beatrice May.	
April 12, 1936	P Brown, Richard James.	
" " "	P ^{Thompson} Sherman, Grace E.	
" " "	P Wood, Charles Parker.	
Sept 13, 1936	L Clark, Eleanor H. ^{Toussaint}	By letter to Agawam Cong. Ch. Nov. 9, 1941
Dec. 19, 1937	P Fresh, William	
" " "	P Kemp, Marjorie	
" " "	P Phillips, Barbara Ann.	

When rec'd.

List of Members - cont.

How removed

Dec. 19, 1937

P Sherman, George Benjamin, Jr.

P ^{Prop'n (Miss Richard)} Tarbell, Harriet Elizabeth.

Sept. 4, 1938

L Smith, Mrs. Hugh

P Smith, Carol

April 9, 1939

L Brown, Bertha P (Mrs. J. Walter)

L Blair, Mr. James H.

L Blair, Mrs. Isabella M.

L Matheson, Mrs. Alice Blair

L Peirce, Mr. Charles L.

L Peirce, Mrs. Charles L. (Mabel Brown)

P Dickinson, Virginia Hilda.

P Keith, Jason Junior.

Jan. 7, 1940

L Charles, Dr. Frederic A.

Feb. 4, 1940

L Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.

L Mrs. Norman M. MacLeod, Jr.

Mar. 21, 1940

L Harrington, Mrs. Bertha E.

L Harrington, Mrs. George

L Harrington, James H.

L Parker, Mrs. Esther (Stanley)

L Worley, Mrs. Mary

P George, Mrs. Ida

P Hatch, Mr. James

P Hatch, Mrs. James

P ^{Thomas} (Hatch) BettyP ^{Barry} (Hatch) Vinson

P MacGillivray, Dorothy

P ^{Kathy} (Wood) BarbaraP ^{Plumley} Adams, Evelyn

P Martin, Donald

Sept. 14, 1941

P Day, Charlotte

April 10, 1941

L Charles Deland

L Deland, Gladys (Day) Mrs. Charles

L Hicks, Mrs. Stanley

P Landen, Harley

for Advmt. Ch. of Birmfield

By death - 1945

Letter for 2nd Cong. of Griswold, Jewett City, Conn.

By death - 1945

Letter Faith Church Spfld Mass.

By Letter - WARREN Federated - 1945

Death March 17 1948

By Letter - PLANTSVILLE Conn. - 1946

By Letter - PLANTSVILLE Conn. - 1946

By Letter - 1947

By death - 1947

By Letter 1947

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By Letter - 1947 -

When rec'd. List of Members - con't. How removed

- 22
Oct 11, 1943 L. Silvius, Vera
- " " " L. Silvius, Kenneth
- " " " P. Brown, Mrs. Phillip T.
- Oct 31, 1943 P. Horton, MABEL
- " " " L. Mac Connell, Mrs. ^{Robert T.} Harold
- Nov. 29, 1945 L. Mrs. Evelyn B. Landen (Mrs. Harley H.)
- " " L. Mrs. Ruth Fiske Death 1948
- " " L. Miss Helen Reinheimer To Catholic Church
- " " P. Sherman Flyttis. (Mrs. Geo. B. Sr.)
- " " P. Aucoin Clifford 1948 Transferred
- " " P. Van Hook, Agnes
- " " P. Matheson Joanne
- " " P. (Worby) Lillian Letter Dec. 5, 1948
- " " P. Worby Frederick
- " " P. Goetze, Joan
- " " L. Mac Gillivray Hugh
- " " L. Mac Gillivray, Edith (Mrs. Hugh)
- " " L. Cook, Edith Laura
- " " P. G. ...
- " " P. G. ...
- May 5, 1946 P. Hines Shirley
- Nov 3, 1946 P. Perre Leila
- " " P. ...
- " " P. ...

Ruth Menter
John G. Menter

1946 Pastor's Report November/December. The candlelight Communion service was a high point in the Pastor's services. We are also grateful to the choir for their beautiful rendering of the Christmas Carols which they presented during the Christmas season.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet was again a great success due to the hard work of many and the fine and inspirational talk of Mr. Hilda L. Shaw. Last year I suggested that we should have a Father & Son Banquet. I still feel that we should make an effort to have one this year.

The Young Fellowship has not been a large group only including seven young people who have attended regularly, but I feel it has been a faithful group and I am looking forward to progress in the year ahead. Aside our regular Sunday evening meetings the group has attended youth rallies in Spencer and Ke. Brookfield this year. They formed the nucleus of the group along with the choir boys creating our Christmas Eve. Two of the group, Barbara Brown and Joan Matheson attended the Young Fellowship Camp at Wilbraham Academy late in June. We have had one meeting at a home on the outskirts of the Parish which was successful. We may have more of them during this year.

A Young Adult Group is in the process of organization. Three meetings have been held and we hope that at the January meeting definite organization will take place.

A very successful Vacation School was held in August with about 45 children in attendance from Holland and Bunnfield. The School lasted 2 weeks. We owe much to the willing cooperation of the staff including Mrs. Robt. Streeter, Miss Marie Maddocks, Mrs. Robt. Minter and Miss Shirley Hink, Miss Hoy, and Miss Price.

The Church has just purchased cooperatively with the Cong. Church of Holland a tri-purpose projector and a 5' x 7 1/2" screen. We are looking forward to using this projector in both the educational and worship experiences of both churches. Much is being done now in the field of visual education. We are grateful to the services of Mr. & Mrs. Walter E. Corbin who so well presented their lecture "New England Steeples" and to Mrs. Robt. Streeter who has sent us \$10.00 for this project.

During the month of July the Church enjoyed the preaching of Rev. Enosh Hughes of Palmer, Rev. J. Albert Clark of Monson, and Prof. Robert S. Illingworth of Clark University while I was receiving a good deal of benefit at that Pastor's School at Deerings, New Hampshire.

During the past year I feel that you have made a real effort to give the wider work of the Church. The world of which we are a part

these days we are constantly aware of our responsibility to peoples of all parts of the world. We must show concern for those who are suffering by giving them aid and by sharing with them the Christian message. The destruction which has taken place in the world cannot be easily repaired and the work of reconstruction will take a long time. I am glad to report that you have given to the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction \$156.03 and to the regular missionary apportionment \$226.50. This is a substantial increase and more than I suggested should be our goal in the case of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. However, the goal which has been set for the coming year is \$2⁰⁰ for each member which will mean for us \$218⁰⁰. Last year we used the Sacrificial Gift Envelopes plan. I hope you will feel that you want to conscientiously sacrifice something each week so that others may live, and the destruction to our work abroad may be repaired. Many of you will have to try to sacrifice at least 25¢ worth of something each week to make up for those who do not feel a sense of responsibility in this direction. I hope also you will do yours best to keep up your regular missionary giving in your envelopes and add to it if possible.

At our last Annual Meeting you voted to accept a gift for an Altar Set if we were given one. Due to the kindness of the ladies giving such an altar set was ordered and paid for last February. I was hoping that it would be ready for Easter. The Fidelity Group very kindly contributed a velvet covering for the communion table. The altar set arrived a few weeks ago and will be dedicated a week from Sunday if the weather permits. It seems quite fitting that our sanctuary should be beautified and our worship increased by such a gift in memory of those Jesus Bleed.

At this time I should like to suggest 2 amendments to the by-laws of this Church. To be voted upon at some future special meeting. First, that the moderator be authorized to appoint a nominating committee of 3 members at least 3 weeks before the Annual Meeting. Second, that the moderator be made a member ex-officio of the Standing Committee.

Finally I should like to say that one of the parsonage family have greatly enjoyed this year's Christmas and in the life of the Church we are grateful for the fine cooperation which you have extended to us and for the Christian fellowship which you have shared with us.

I trust that in the year ahead we may become increasingly aware of our responsibility and contribution to spread abroad the spirit of the Kingdom in this community of which we are a part.

Rev. John G. Mentzer

Report of the Kindergarten Church School 1946

S. S. Supt
Report 1946

Rich Mantel

I shall endeavor to give a chronological report of the activities of the Kindergarten Church School for 1946. During the year the following changes were made: and the Holland teachers and demonstrated the phonograph. Later the teachers met and made a phonograph and prepared the material with which to present the hour lesson, along with the Sunday School and also they were much enjoyed by the children. The Sunday School also used this method with the Primary Dept and it has been used by the Kindergarten in making their lesson and at Christmas time.

On the third day of August, the children had their own service in the Church after public school had closed. The Primary Children acted as choir and the minister conducted the service.

The Junior School presented a program at Christmas time when they told some of the things they had been learning during the year. There were present to those entering the Jr. Dept. who had prepared certain assignments of handicrafts and alludes.

The School was closed during July and August but the majority of pupils attended the Vacation School during August. The annual picnic was held in June at Lake Huron.

School opened in Sept. with the following officers and teachers:

Supt - Rich Mantel; Sec & Treas. Ethel Spawner; Kindergarten Dept. Gladys Coon, asst. Barbara Brown; Primary Dept. Harriet T. Bell, asst. Beverly Hatch; Jr. Dept. Lillian and Mr. High Class, Rich Mantel; Sr. High, Shirley Smith, later replaced by Ethel Spawner, asst. Lillian Bell.

We have found it most helpful this year for teachers to meet with the superintendent to make plans for each class separately and to have group meetings for preparing the classes have been most faithful and cooperative and the younger teachers efficient and promising.

The Sr. High Class carried on some interesting activities under the direction of Shirley Smith. They visited a Catholic Church and talked with the priest about the Catholic form of worship. They also visited Jewish synagogues together with the Junior High Class.

A particularly interesting account of the history of our Church was given to the school by Miss Gladys Lockhart.

At Christmas time the annual party and program, our Fall Christmas pageant was given under the able direction of Barbara Brown with music aided by Harriet T. Bell. A program of games and vocal singing was held in the meeting hall with a visit from Santa Claus. The generous gifts of friends made it possible to present gifts to the 2nd & 3rd year old members of the Church and to those 4 and 5 year old children who are not, but really belong in our Kindergarten. Also new home decorations were bought for the home, and each boy and girl to all children (including the. Regent).

We continue as a Kindergarten Sunday School contributing monthly to

missions. Other serving people have been the annual gift of food and money to the 'Home for Little Seamen', - Christmas gift of money for the Red of Greenland, and the sending of the offering enclosed at the Seamen's Fund to the Cong. Christian Convention for Anti-Slavery and Service.

The record of attendance for the year is as follows:

Jan. - June 1946 Twelve 46 Mr. Wood 30 Dr. Condit. 16
Sept. " Dec. 1946 " " 38

It is hoped that in the year ahead, we will find the Fin-pygmie printer recently bought by the church, of great help in the religious education of our children, and that the educational and domestic requirements of our school will continually improve so as to enable us to lead our children in the best of possibilities.

Ruth Weston

Meeting adjourned

Monday, Dec.

Feb. 2, 1947 A meeting of the members was held to continue the business of electing the Treasurer and one Trustee and to inspect several business which was adjourned for this Sunday pending a vote of the annual meeting.

Feb. 5, 1947 Motion made and seconded meeting to be postponed until Feb. 12. Church is closed day of Regret. Mr. Lund, Mayor of Haines Bay, Alaska, was guest speaker.

The Assembly, Thursday services were held at this Church this year with the Father's Day. Church is joyful.

Feb. 5, 1947 Council's Commission was observed.

Feb. 12, 1947 Mr. Edna Baker and Mrs. Stanley Baker, returned the Church for the January Session.

Feb. 15, 1947 Sunday: Mr. Anderson, of Haines, was guest speaker. Fellowship service was held by Ladies of the Church.

Feb. 22, 1947 " To the First Church - Evangelical (Methodist) Church. There intended to receive the sum of \$5,000.00 as it is applied to the "New Fund Drive." The sum of \$4879.39 was received after tax deductions. This is from estate of Elizabeth E. Anderson Trust.

3 members removed by letters of transfer:

Dorothy MacMillan; Charlotte Day; Dr. B. C. Harrison.

3 - by death:

Charles Schuler; William D. Brown; John R. George.

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Meeting opened by Rev. John G. Swanton.

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Transcription report by Ernest Simon accepted as such

Sunday School Supt. Report - Ruth Menter

Ladies Benevolent Society - Barbara Wood

Fidelis Group - no report

Trustees. Chairman not present so Mr. James Hatch reported that most of the Trustees report was listed in Treasurer's report.

Young People (Pilgrim Fellowship) Lila Pierce

Nominating Committee - Mrs. Charles Peice

Election of Officers: Clerk cast one ballot for officers of
state of nominating committee.

Officers elected for 1948

Moderator - Clarence B. Brown

Clerk - Mrs. Harley H. Landon

Measurer, — Everett D. Landon

Members of Standing Committee for 1 year

Mrs. Hester Sherman, Miss Barbara Wood, Mr. Clarence Keith

Supt. of the Church School - Mrs. John G. Mantel

Deacon for 4 yrs. - Mr Percy W. Moore

Trustee for 5 yrs. - Mr. James C. Hatch

Legation's Representative - Mr. Charles D. Land

Auditor - George K. Fitchcock

New Business!

Present Clerk (Mary Worby) to act as Clerk pro tem.

Mrs. Ruth Manton and Mrs. Esther Parker thanked for their work in putting on the Church supper - which consisted of corn chowder with apple pie and cheese for dessert.

An appreciation of service as Camp rendered to this Corps
for that service.

A letter of appreciation for services rendered in the Cause
to be given to Martin Campbell, and a Committee nominated
by the Moderator. Dr. J. M. Mather appointed to send this letter
of appreciation to Mrs. Campbell.

Money to be sent by Trustees toward the Unitarian
Handy Thursday service to be held at Holland Cong Church
 this year.

Motion made & seconded the nominating committee to
 be appointed by Moderator.

Mrs. Foster expressed her thanks for the Christmas gift and at
 Christmas time.

Trustees spoken of: Trustees mentioned to improve
 the water situation in kitchen at same time.

Motion made & seconded that meeting be adjourned.

Mary Worby - Sec. Clerk for time.

Annual Report of the Brimfield Church School--1947

As we look back over the year's work in the Church School, we
 are pleased to see some signs of progress.

The enrollment for last winter and spring was 53 with an average
 attendance of 33 and an average offering of \$1.88. The enrollment for
 this fall is 72 with an average attendance of 52, and an average offer
 ing of \$2.92. The increase this fall has been due to several factors
 among them - the coming of a few children from East Brimfield, the
 beginning of a number of children for the first time in the kindergarten
 and the organization of a Nursery Class for three year old children.
 We are glad that the majority of Protestant children moving into
 Brimfield have enrolled in the Church School.

The Church School has continued to give the first offering of
 each month to missions, gave \$8.10 for the overseas milk fund during
 Lent, contributed to War Relief \$5.50 and sent \$10.45 to the Home
 for Little Wanderers. They also sent Christmas gifts to Puerto Rico.

The children have been divided into seven classes this Fall, two
 more classes than we have had in recent years. The division of classes
 is as follows:

Nursery Class for children entering Grade one of public School in 3 yr
 Kindergarten Class for children entering Grade 1 in 1 or 2 years.
 Primary- Grades 1 and 2
 Younger Juniors-- Grades 3 and 4
 Older Juniors- Grades 5 and 6
 Junior High
 Senior High

The same teachers have continued to teach, although one in a
 different class and we have added two regular teachers and several
 assistants. We are pleased to have the young people of the church
 acting as assistant teachers. The staff of teachers are very
 cooperative and have met for group planning and for individual
 conferences with the superintendent.

L.B.S. Report for Year 1947

The following is a report of the L.B.S. for the year 1947.

Service Projects

Missionary sewing project - work sent to Ellis Island

500 lbs. of used books were sent to Fessenden Academy

Club Activities

~~May - Mother and Daughter Banquet~~

Aug.- Lawn Party

Nov.- Harvest Supper
Food Sale

Guest Speakers

Jan. - Mr. John Collins, Springfield,
Topic, "The State Child and Its Problem".

Mar. - Mrs. Ruth Bull, Springfield,
Topic, "The Adolescent".

Nov. - Rev. Norman MacLeod
Topic, "Experiences As a Navy Chaplain".
Members and friends of Brimfield and Holland churches were invited to meeting.

Contributions

Church Budget	\$80.00
Fuel	20.00
Sunday School	10.00
Red Cross	10.00
Pleasant Hill Academy	5.00

Financial Standing of L.B.S. as of 12/31/47

Cash on Hand	\$107.81
Special Kitchen Fund	500.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J. Wood
President of L.B.S. 1947-1948

1939

Register of Baptisms.

Randolph H. Hill, Pastor.

Date	Name	Parents' names of children.
June 8, 1930	James Asa Adams, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. James Asa Adams
" " "	Barbara Esther Brown	
" " "	Lewis Herbert Brown	
" " "	Rolland William Brown	
" " "	James Norman Wesson 3rd	Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Wesson
May 5, 1931.	Ethel Evans	Adult
" " "	Eva Elizabeth Brown	"
" " "	Wanda Maduri	"
" " "	Everett Wallace Whitten	"
" " "	Homer Leonard Parker	"
June 12, 1932	Elizabeth Jane Richards	Mr. and Mrs. John Richards.
" " "	John James Richards	" " "
" " "	Norman Francis Mercer	Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mercer
" " "	Norma Jane Wesson	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wesson
Sept 4, 1932	Everett Dockham Landen	Adult
" " "	Lucy Landen	"
" " "	John Cheney Lawrence	"
April 9, 1933	Burleigh V. Matthews, Pastor	
" " "	Myrna Irene Nichols	Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe W. Nichols.
June 11, 1933	Clarence Brown Adams	Mr. and Mrs. James Asa Adams.
" " "	Janet Catherine Wesson	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wesson
" " "	Kenneth Irving Wright	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright.
May 6, 1934	Clarence Howard Keith	Adult
	Allen Forrest Keith	"
	Claudine Edna Dickinson	"
	Beatrice May Dickinson	"
June 10, 1934	Fredericia Helena Lawrence	Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Lawrence
" " "	Lucinda Annie Lawrence	" " " " " "
" " "	Burton David Webber	Mr. and Mrs. Burton David Webber
" 9, 1935	Richard David Lawrence	Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Lawrence.
Feb. 2, 1936	Howard Arthur Brown	Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Brown.
April 12, 1936	Richard James Brown	Adult
June 6, 1937	Robert Wesley Martin	Harry Wesley + Edna R. Martin
" " "	Jane Eleanor Powell	Arthur + Rebecca W. Powell.
" 13, "	Donald Brown George	Donald B. + Gladys B. George (Adult)
Aug. 6, 1937	Arthur Blashfield Brown	Clarence B. + Jessie Fairfield Brown. (Adult)
Dec. 19, "	William Fresh	August + Eliza Fresh
Apr. 9, 1939	Virginia Hilda Dickinson	Adult
" " 1939	Jason Junior Keith	"

Date	Name	Parents' names
	(Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. Pastor)	
June 9, 1940	Richard Lee Haywood	Mr. and Mrs. Clark Haywood
	Stewart Leroy Worby	" " " Fred Worby
	Ronald Cutler	" " " Robert Cutler
	Beverly Ann Hatch	" " " James Hatch
	Cheney Lincoln Lawrence	" " " J. Fred Lawrence
	Mary Frances Lawrence	" " " " "
April 6, 1941	Nancy Mae MacLeod by Dean Rockwell	Rev. and Mrs. Norman MacLeod, Jr. Harmon Father.
June 15, 1941	Barbara Jean Wright	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright
	Richard Harry Martin	Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin
June 11, 1942	Leroy Howard Tower	Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sparrow
	Linda Elizabeth Campbell	Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Campbell
	Judith Ann Wesson	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wesson
	Priscilla Jean Haywood	Mr. and Mrs. Clark Haywood
July 26, 1942	Judith Rose Sandgren	Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Sandgren
Dec. 25, 1942	Kirby Alfred Degnan	Mr. and Mrs. William Degnan
	Patricia Degnan	" " " " "
	(Rev. John H. Martin (Pastor))	
June 3, 1945	Albert Duward Selzer	Mr. Kenneth & Vera (Selzer) Selzer
	Gerard Leonard Selzer	Mr. Duward & Grace (Selzer) Selzer
	Madre Faye Cutler	Robert John & Lillian Cutler
	Kathy Lander	Everett J. & Helen (Gifford) Lander
	Dorothy Agnes Brown	Arthur & Lillian (Hansen) Brown
June 1946	Geraldine Ruby Smith	Francis Bowden & Ruby Smith
	Barry Francis Smith	" "
	Brian Douglas Smith	" "
June 15, 1947	Eleanor Ann Thompson	Roy O. & Grace (Sherman) Thompson
	Henry Dwight Snow, Jr.	Henry Dwight & Marion Snow
	Jean Ethel Jensen	Albert Rudolph & Dorothy (Miller) Jensen
	Christine Ann Jensen	" "
	Linda Jean Sherman	Geo. Benjamin Jr. & Phyllis Sherman
	David Gene Cutler	Robt. John & Lillian Cutler
	Jeffrey Claude Hastings	Lawrence Franklin & Beatrice (Dickinson) Hastings

Record of Marriages by Randolph H. Hill

1931

Aug. 17 Edward S. Wallace of Warren, Mass. } In the
 Jennie V. Kosmider of Warren, Mass. } Church.

Rev. Burleigh V. Matthew

1933
April 29

Alice H. Norcross of Brimfield, Mass. } In the
 Randolph H. Hill of Sutton, Mass. } Church

June 22 Pearl Granville of Claremont, N. H. } In the
 Edward H. Spooner of Brimfield, Mass. } Church.

Aug. 12 Alma Clarke of East Brimfield, Mass. } In the
 Charles Wood of Warren, Mass. } Church

July 15 Henrietta Georgia Hisgen of Tampa, Florida
 Courtney Warren Campbell of Tampa, Florida.

Nov. 1 Marie E. Elder of Brimfield, Mass.
 George E. Joslin of Spofford, N. H.

Apr. 1 Edna Wilhelmina Ritter of Monson, Mass.
 Harry Wesley Martin of Brimfield, Mass.

1934

Apr. 14 Dorothy B. George of Warren, Mass.
 George W. Mitchell of Warren, Mass.

June 9 Mary Willian Howard of Southbridge, Mass. } In the
 Arthur Edgar Brown of Brimfield, Mass. } Church.

Aug. 25 William Edson Somerville of Glens Falls, N. Y. } At
 Katherine Elizabeth Hisgen of Tampa, Florida } Holland

Sept. 30 Robert S. Brown of Brimfield, Mass. } In the
 Grace D. Taylor of Brimfield, Mass. } Church.

Oct. 6 Herbert F. Wright of Bernardston, Mass. } In the
 Irene E. Whitten of Brimfield, Mass. } Church.

1935

June 9 Alonzo E. Carpenter of Brimfield, Mass.
 Grace Bradway Stanton of Brimfield, Mass.

1936

Jan. 17 Charles A. Dimmock, Jr. of Springfield, Mass.
Zula E. Howlett of Brimfield, Mass.

Feb. 13 Clarence S. Blackington of Fiskdale, Mass.
Mabel (Shepherd) Whittaker of Fiskdale, Mass.

March 28 Harry W. Broga of Fiskdale, Mass.
Bertha M. Berry of Fiskdale, Mass.

May 21 Arthur E. Kenyon (21) of Palmer, Mass.
Birthplace - Greenfield, Mass.
Victoria A. Kostalecki (19) of Palmer, Mass.
Birthplace - Clinton, Mass.

May 27 Allyn McDaniels of Ashford, Conn.
Helen Petrovics of Ashford, Conn.
Ceremony took place in the Federated Church
Sturbridge, 8:30 P.M., May 27th B. H. Mathews
minister officiating.

June 4 Schuyler B. Benedict of Lowell, Mass.
Louise M. Brown of Brimfield, Mass.

Sept. 19 Sumner R. Parker of Amherst, Mass.
Harriet D. Parker of Brimfield, Mass.

Dec. 5 Albert E. Craig of Millis, Mass.
Dorothy E. Brown of Brimfield, Mass.

1937

Jan. 24 Arthur W. Desotell of Springfield, Mass. } At
Anna E. Chaffee of Palmer, Mass. } Parsonage.

Feb. 6 Stanley R. Adams of Brimfield, Mass. } At
Olive M. Watham of Brimfield, Mass. } Parsonage.

Mar. 27 Everett W. Whitten of Brimfield, Mass. } At
Dorothy W. Perrault of West Springfield, Mass. } Parsonage.

June 26 Nathan Bruce Hazen of Lincoln, Neb. } At
Sidna Nutting Smith of Woodstown, N.J. } Parsonage.

1937.

Oct. 16 Elzean Mandeville of Fiskdale, Mass. } At
Aurelia M. Lereille of Fiskdale, Mass. } Parsonage.

Nov. 11 G. Theodore Worcester of Hartford, Ct. } At
Caroline C. L. Cahoon of Hartford, Ct. } 81 Church St.
Thorndike, Mass.

Rev. Norman Mackwood, Jr.

Apr. 6, 1940 Andrew George Toussaint of Agawam, Mass. } At the
Eleanor Hosmer Clark of Brimfield, Mass. } Church.

July 17, 1940 Maxwell Sandgren (E. Hartford, Conn.) } At
Roselyn W. Norton of Brimfield, Mass. } Parsonage

July 28, 1940 Charles Adamec of West Willington, Conn. } At
Inez L. Skelly of " " " } Parsonage

Aug. 6, 1940 Harold Magnuson of Hartford, Conn. } At
Jessie Devine " " " } Parsonage

Aug. 17, 1940 Clarence B. Brown of Brimfield, Mass. } At
Martha C. Cummings of Palmer, Mass. } Parsonage.

Aug. 30, 1940 Edgar L. Brodeur of Warren, Mass. } At
Mabel E. Croteau of Grafton, Mass. } Parsonage

Aug. 31, 1940 Leslie B. Griffin of N. Bridgton, Me. } At
Ruth M. Clough of Brimfield, Mass. } Parsonage

Sept. 1, 1940 Bruce Boyd of Catonsville, Md. } At
Marion W. Newton of Springfield, Mass. } Parsonage

Sept. 7, 1940 Everett D. Landen of Brimfield, Mass. } At the
Helen Gifford of Brimfield, Mass. } Church

Sept. 21, 1940 Hubert Tibbetts of Southbridge, Mass. } At
Marie Gagliardi of Brimfield, Mass. } Parsonage

Nov. 28, 1940 John W. Rice of Brookline, Mass. } At Hatch Haven
Clarice O. McHenry of Springfield, Mass. } Prospect Hill
Brimfield, Mass.

1941 Rev. Norman Macbeed, Jr.

Jan. 11, 1941 Wilbur Louis Messler, W. Hartford, Conn. } At
Doris Anna Guilmartin, Hartford, Conn. } Parsonage

April 13, 1941 Eric C. Clapp, Winthrop, Mass. } At Parsonage
Lucille Boone, Wlanarch, Es. }

April 18, 1941 Arthur J. Moreau, Southbridge } At Home.
Gertrude A. Hitchcock, Brimfield }

June 8, 1941 Earl Stanley Warner, Manchester, Conn. } At Parsonage.
Evelyn Katherine Morin, Willimantic, Conn. }

July 3, 1941 Robert M. Bedell, Springfield, Mass. } At Parsonage.
Alice LaFountain, W. Springfield }

July 26, 1941 Francis J. Roso, Southbridge } At Parsonage
Lucy Gagliardi, Brimfield }

Aug. 3, 1941 Alex. Michael Mushenko, Springfield } At Parsonage.
Janice M. Curran, Wilbraham }

Aug. 14, 1941 William Cluff, Feeding Hills } At Parsonage.
Barbara Allen, Ludlow }

Sept. 11, 1941 Frank A. Marble, Rockville, Conn. } At Church
Annie Winifred Herring, Rockville, Conn. }

Nov. 15, 1941 Neal M. Luntz, Waterbury } At Church
Eleanor M. Luntz, Brimfield }

Dec. 11, 1941 Jesse Horace Bannister, Chicopee } At Parsonage.
Billian May Thayer Homans, Springfield }

Dec. 24, 1941 Warren E. Morrell, Sturbridge } At Home.
Phyllis H. Dickinson, Brimfield }

1942

March 7, 1942 Victor Wendell Pounoff, Springfield } At Church
Adella Trzasco, Westfield }

March 19, 1942 Lawrence F. Hastings, Brimfield } At Church
Beatrice M. Dickinson, Brimfield }

1942

June 14, 1942 Philip J. Locasio, Willimantic, Conn. } ^{A+} Parsonage
 Helen Barbara Kinley, Willimantic, Conn. }

Nov. 1, 1942 Paul Revera Dingman, Springfield } ^{A+} 11 Grove St.
 Ruth Isabel Taft, Springfield } Palmer, Mass

Dec. 23, 1942 George Edward Diggle, Easthampton, Mass. } at
 Sarah Alice Linns Hurst, Easthampton, Mass. } Parsonage.

July 24, 1943 William H. Berube, Ware, Mass. } ^{at} church.
 Sarah B. Thayer, Palmer, Mass. }

Dec. 26, 1943 Roy O. Thompson, Mt. Olivet, Ky. } ^{at} church
 Grace E. Sherman, Brimfield Mass. }

Date.	Record of Deaths
1930	
Jan. 12	Emily Booth (Mrs. Melvin)
" 17	Ida C. Fairfield (Mrs. Edward)
Apr. 10	Lilla W. Webber
" 20	Mrs. Edward H. Linsford
Aug. 31	Bessie A. Ball (Mrs. W. H. B.)
1933	
March 13	Mary Anna Tarbell
Dec. 17	Maria J. Royce
Sept. 6	Mrs. Ursula Allen Chase (Mrs. William Allen Chase)
1934	
Feb. 20	Mrs. Emma M. Brown (Mrs. Arthur Brown)
June 16	Mr. Melvin Booth
July 29	Mrs. Ruth W. Bissell, (Mrs. Frederick)
1935	
Sept. 13	Miss Julia T. Brown
1936	
Jan. 29	Mrs. Mary R. Brown (Mrs. E. B.)
June 2	Mrs. Annie Stevens
Sept. 27	Mrs. Martha E. Streeter
Oct. 12	Mrs. Harriet Prescott
1936	
Dec. 11	Mrs. Fred T. Parker
June 25	Miss Marcella Brown
1938	
Feb. 22	Mrs. Jessie Fairfield Brown (Mrs. C. B.)
Oct. 28	Miss Louise Carroll

Jan. 10, 1940 Mrs. Mary Brown Crocker - formerly a member of ^{Brimfield} Adventist Church.
 Feb. 15, 1940 Mrs. Ellen M. K. St. Clair - not a member of our Church but
 Rev. Norman MacLeod, Jr. officiated.

June 4, 1940 Mrs. Caroline Bates
 Oct. 21, 1940 Mr. Charles H. V. George
 " 27, 1940 Mr. Lambert Elam Ferry
 Dec. 5, 1940 Mr. George P. Madison
 " 13, 1940 Mr. Frank C. Knight

April 9, 1941 May Edith Moore, Member of Church
 Feb. 15, 1941 Charles Sumner Allen of Montreal
 Oct. 22, 1941 Victoria W. Madura - not a member of our church.

June 7, 1942 Addie Louise ^{Dodge} Brown (Mrs. F. Edgar) Church Member
 " 19, 1942 Gardner W. Noncross at Brimfield, Mass. Church Member

April 3, 1942 Lona Pearl Maddocks.
 " 8, 1942 Mrs. Addie L. Taylor, Warren
 May 17, 1942 Nicholas G. Haverly, of Springfield.

June 23, 1942 Mrs. Sarah Henrietta Dunton Adams
 July 21, 1942 Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bent Moore, ^{church member -} service at Church
 July 24, 1942 Mr. J. Walter Brown
 Aug. 14, 1942 Mr. Albert Brown
 Oct. 7, 1942 Mrs. Carrie Spaulding Fiske

JAN. 16, 1943 Mrs. MARIA Ellen Peck MADDOCKS.
 MAR. 8, 1943 Mrs. MARION Irene Robinson
 Apr. 3, 1943 Mr. FRANK Edgar Brown service AT church
 Apr. 5, 1943 Mr. Eugene Albert Whitten service AT church
 May 14, 1943 Mr. DAVID J. Tulip
 June 16, 1943 Mr. STANLEY G. Hicks, Jr. service AT church
 July 9, 1943 Mrs. Fanny Scarborough Jonahue
 Oct. 5, 1943 Mrs. Anna Benson
 Nov. 7, 1943 Mrs. Clara Green Lapean
 Nov. 21, 1943 Miss Gladys Collins
~~JAN. 6, 19~~

JAN. 6, 1944 Mr. ALEXANDER Matheson

~~JAN 31 1944~~

May 25 1944 Kathryn (Brown) Adams (Mrs J. Asa)
 Jan 31 1944 Edna B. Keith
 May 27, 1945 Charles Lincoln Peirce
 Oct 31, 1945 James Hay McKean Blair
 Jan 7, 1947 William Silas Spooner
 July 2, 1947 Charles Warner Wheeler
 Oct. 30, 1947 Ida Brown George



